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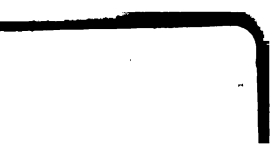
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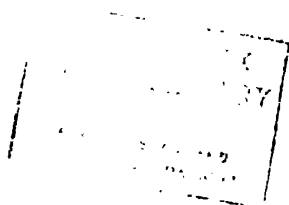
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## HISTORY OF DELAWARE COUNTY

**JOHN C. JOHNSON.** For twenty years the late John C. Johnson, of Muncie, to the progress of whom this was a large factor, came to the city in 1884 and became a successful partner in the saw-milling business of the firm of A. E. Johnson & Company, the fine manufacturing concern for which he had labored.

In reviewing the career of this successful business man, as he was, we note that he was a native of the State of Ohio, born on the 21st of May, 1843. His father, coming to this State, settled at Eliza (Ferguson) Johnson, at a place called Johnson's Landing, near Dover, who was recognized as the residence of Samuel Johnson, who later moved to Ashland, Ohio, and in 1881 came to this State to reside in Indiana.

When the subject of this review was seven years of age he came from Allen county, 20 miles back, to Dekker county, where he received a fair common school education. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the Union Army, Company E, Forty-fourth New York Infantry, "The Worth Avengers," and served for four months, being killed at the battle of Gettysburg. His father, Mr. Johnson, came to Albany, New York, and from there to Washington, D. C., and to New York city, from which he was sent to the War Department, the quartermaster's department at Cleveland, where, after the death of his father, he remained in that capacity until the close of the war. He then returned to the school to render service in the school, having returned from the battle front with a broken leg, and he remained in the school room, for two years attending to the school, and then took a course in the State Normal College. For some fifteen years thereafter he was connected with the H. W. Sage & Company and others of Albany, New York, as a clerk of a bank and bookkeeper. During that time he acquired a knowledge of the lumber business in all its departments.

Mr. Johnson moved to Bridgeton, Cal., in 1871, where he was connected with the Portland Lumber Company, and was successful in his business. In 1884, selling his interest therein, he came to Muncie, Ind., where he became associated with his brother, A. E. Johnson, Esq.,



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# HISTORY OF DELAWARE COUNTY

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JOHN C. JOHNSON. For twenty years the late John C. Johnson was a resident of Muncie, to the progress of which he was a large contributor. He came to the city in 1884 and became an interested partner in the lumber and saw-milling business of the firm of A. L. Johnson & Company, at the same time manifesting a keen interest in public affairs.

In reviewing the career of this successful business man and prominent citizen, as he was, we note that he was a native of the state of New York, born on the 21st of May, 1843, in Albany county, his parents being Henry I. and Eliza (Ferguson) Johnson, who were also natives of the Empire State. The father, who was an agriculturist, resided in New York until 1864, when he moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, and in 1881 came with his family to Muncie, Indiana.

When the subject of this review was seven years of age his parents removed from Albany county, New York, to Herkimer county, that state, where he received a fair common-school education. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in the Union Army, Company K, Forty-fourth New York, known as the "Ellsworth Avengers," and served one year. On account of a wound received at the battle of Hanover Court House Mr. Johnson was sent first to Albany, New York, and from there to Lexington Avenue Hospital, in New York city, from which he was discharged after recovery. Entering the quartermaster's department at City Point, Virginia, under Captain C. E. Jones, he remained in that capacity until the close of the war. He had laid aside school books to render service in defense of the Union, and now having returned from the battle front with an honorable discharge he again entered the school room, for two years attending an academy for boys at Albany, New York, and then took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College. For some fifteen years thereafter he was in the employ of H. W. Sage & Company and others of Albany, his occupation being that of a clerk and bookkeeper. During that time he obtained a thorough knowledge of the lumber business in all its departments.

In 1882 Mr. Johnson removed to Bridgeport, Connecticut, there organizing the Bridgeport Lumber Company, and was its secretary and treasurer. In 1884, selling his interest therein, he came to Muncie, and it was then that he became associated with his brother, A. L. Johnson, by

purchasing an interest in the A. L. Johnson & Company lumber firm, which for several years did an extensive business. But Mr. Johnson's activities were not confined alone to this firm, for he was an organizer of the Muncie Skewer Company. He was also a stockholder in the Indiana Bridge Company and the Live Poultry Car Company, and was extensively interested in real estate, especially in the Johnson and McCulloch additions to the city of Muncie. He was also connected with the banking interests of this city, holding stock in several financial institutions of this city, and at the time of his death was president of the Delaware County National Bank. He was one of the promoters and was president of the Commercial Club of Muncie for many years.

Politically Mr. Johnson was a Republican, though he never sought political honors, but he served several years as a member of the Muncie city council. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic Order, chapter and commandery, and also held membership relations with the George S. Dawson Post, No. 63, G. A. R., of Albany, New York. For many years he was an active member of the First Presbyterian church of Muncie, in which he served as a trustee, as an elder, and was a member of the building committee that erected the present fine edifice of the congregation in this city. For many years he was a member of the State Street Presbyterian church of Albany, New York.

On the 26th of October, 1870, Mr. Johnson married Miss Martha J. Hutchinson, a daughter of David and Mary (Chambers) Hutchinson, of Albany, New York. But one child was born to them, Mary E. Mr. Johnson passed away on the 13th of December, 1904, when past sixty-one years of age. His had been a successful business career, characterized by honest dealing with his fellow-men, and he had lived the life of a public-spirited citizen and an upright, dignified Christian gentleman. In the hearts and esteem of his fellow-citizens he was endeared, and in his domestic relations he was kind, affectionate and thoughtful, ever mindful of the welfare and happiness of his wife and daughter, who survive him.

The esteem in which J. C. Johnson was held by his business associates is best shown by the following tribute, taken from the Record Book of the Delaware County National Bank: "J. C. Johnson became connected with this bank July 11, 1896, at which time he was elected a director and president, serving continually as such until his death, which occurred suddenly December 13, 1904, of apoplexy, at his residence in this city.

"He filled the position assigned him with entire satisfaction to all concerned. As presiding officer of the board of directors he was always

"In his passing to the Great Beyond, it is possible no circle of friends will feel the loss more intensely than the officers, directors and employees of this bank, with whom he was daily associated, and we all desire to extend to the family our deepest sympathy in their sad affliction.

"In conclusion—

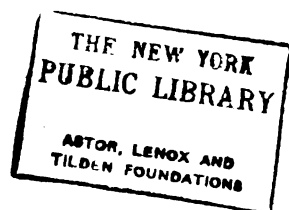
"Let us all strive to emulate his example and reverence the memory of his many virtues."

ABBOTT L. JOHNSON. In the history of Muncie's manufacturing interests, A. L. Johnson is one of the very few whose activity in an important way goes back to the years before the natural gas boom. Having identified himself with the lumber business and manufacturing while Muncie was a city of five thousand people, he has remained here during the subsequent quarter of a century, and the history of this period records his name and influence in connection with every important public undertaking by which the welfare of Muncie has been promoted. Having a prosperous business of his own at the time natural gas was discovered, he at once joined in the public-spirited movement to secure outside capital and enterprise for Muncie, and was actively connected with all the organizations during the early years of Muncie's industrial boom, including the Enterprise Company, the Real Estate Exchange, and later the board of trade. In the history of the last quarter century of Muncie, elsewhere in this work, Mr. Johnson's name is often mentioned with the events of that period, and in this sketch of his career it is necessary only to summarize the main facts of his life.

The family has been resident of Muncie since 1881, when the parents, Henry I. and Eliza (Ferguson) Johnson, who were both natives of New York state, came to this city, where the father lived until his death in 1881. The father was a farmer, but had lived retired in Ashtabula, Ohio, from 1864 until coming to Muncie. Abbott L. Johnson was born in Herkimer county, New York, August 26, 1852, and spent most of his youth in Ashtabula, where he attended the public schools. His first experience in business was with a bent-wood works at Ashtabula, and in 1873, at the age of twenty-one, he was sent to Bluffton, Indiana, to erect machinery and put into operation the bent-wood works which was later acquired by J. H. Smith & Company, and a few years later moved to Muncie. Mr. Johnson moved to Montpelier, where he remained two years, having formed a partnership with J. T. Arnold in conducting an extensive lumber business, under the firm name of A. L. Johnson & Company. This firm established business in Muncie in 1878, and in this way Mr. Johnson became connected with Muncie both as a business man and as a resident. In 1883, in company with W. E. Hitchcock (now president of the Delaware County National Bank), he began the manufacture of skewers, and for many years this enterprise has been an important factor of Muncie's industrial resources. In 1885 Mr. Johnson entered into an active partnership with his brother, the late J. C. Johnson, and together they conducted their lumber and other interests for many years.

With the development of Muncie after the gas boom, Mr. Johnson extended his connection to many other important interests. He is a stockholder of the Muncie Waterworks Company. In the real estate development of Muncie, he is known as the owner of Johnson's first and second additions, and is also interested in Gray's addition, which is one of the best in Muncie. Mr. Johnson is a man of active and progressive citizenship, and as a member of the older group of successful business men is closely identified with the life and affairs of Muncie. His residence on East Washington street is one of the stately and elegant homes of Muncie. In social affairs and the various movements in the interest of culture and practical philanthropy he and his family have taken an active part. He is a prominent Mason, being a member of chapter, commandery, Mystic Shrine and Scottish Rite. The family are members of the Baptist church, in which he has served as deacon and trustee. Mr. Johnson married, in 1872, Miss Florence Merriman, a daughter of Charles Merriman, of Ashtabula, Ohio.

HARRY R. WYSOR. Many years have passed since the Wysor family became identified with the interests of Delaware county, and its various members have won for the name an enviable distinction by their true worth of character. One of the most important factors in the upbuilding of Muncie was Jacob H. Wysor, the father of Harry, who was connected with many of its leading enterprises, and at all times was a public-spirited, progressive citizen, whose support was never withheld from measures that advanced the public welfare. He was born in Montgomery county, Virginia, December 6, 1819, of German ancestry, his father dying before his birth, and he was an only child. In 1835 he came to Delaware county, Indiana, where he received an excellent education, and in time became one of its foremost business men. In 1841 he embarked in the grocery and dry goods business at Muncie, and although many obstacles barred his path to success, his indomitable energy and perseverance enabled him to surmount them all, and with the passing years prosperity rewarded his efforts. In 1843 he turned his attention to the milling business, but in 1849 the glittering gold fields of California lured him to the Pacific coast, and, abandoning his business, joined the rush thither, meeting with many adventures in his journeyings and in his search for the precious metal, and finally returned to his home in Muncie in 1852. Two years later, in partnership with John Jack, Mr. Wysor built the large grist mill which has ever since been one of Muncie's leading institutions, and after the death of his partner in 1858 the firm's name remained the same





*Jos G. Seppeler*

His memory is enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him. In his early manhood he married Sarah Richardson, also a native of the Old Dominion of Virginia.

Harry R. Wysor, a son of this honored Muncie couple, was born in this city on the 18th of April, 1858, and received an excellent educational training in its public schools and the Smithson College of Logansport. With his education completed he became associated with the Wysor & Hibbets Milling Company, while in 1881 he took charge of the old opera house, and now owns and manages the Wysor Grand. In addition he owns the Wysor Block, completed in 1906, and it is one of the finest business blocks in eastern Indiana. He ably superintends the many interests of his father. His business career thus far on the journey of life has also been crowned with success. He has made good use of his opportunities, conducting all business matters carefully and systematically, and at the same time he takes an active interest in the welfare of his native city and the city which his father was so instrumental in developing. He served as a member of its city council from 1885 to 1888, and from 1882 until 1884 was a member of its school board.

In 1884 Mr. Wysor was united in marriage to Miss Jennie, a daughter of William Kemper, of Muncie, and they have two daughters, Sarah and Mary. Mr. Wysor has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Red Men and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

JUDGE J. G. LEFFLER, a prominent attorney of Muncie, and well known throughout this section of the state in connection with his profession, is one of Delaware county's native sons, born in Hamilton township on the 26th of December, 1864, a son of Philip and Mary (Garick) Leffler, both of whom were born in Ohio. They were, however, brought to Indiana by their families when children, the mother dying when her son, the Judge, was but a little lad of four years. Mr. Philip Leffler, as did his father, also named Philip, followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation, the elder Mr. Leffler having purchased large tracts of land from the government, and in addition to its cultivation carried on the tanner's trade. He was very successful in his business operations, and both he and his son became prominent in the early life of their section of the Hoosier state. Mr. Leffler, the father of the Judge, was an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and served as a loyal and faithful soldier in the Civil war from 1863 until the close of the conflict.

Judge Leffler was reared as a farmer's boy, receiving his primary education in the district schools near his home, this being later supplemented by attendance at the Danville Normal, but he is largely self-educated. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching, spending four years in the Center school of Hamilton township, and in 1884 entered upon the study of the profession which he had determined as his life occupation, his first legal reading being under the instructions of W. W. Orr and J. E. Mellette.

Four years later, in 1888, he was admitted to the bar, and at once came to the front in his profession, for no dreary novitiate awaited him, and from that time to the present his name has been inseparably interwoven with the legal profession in Delaware county. In 1890 the Republican party, of which he has ever been an active and efficient worker, made him the county prosecuting attorney, to which office he was returned in 1892, and later was elected to the high position of circuit judge, being its present incumbent.

In 1890 the Judge was united in marriage to Laura, a daughter of Joseph Emerson. His fraternal relations connect Judge Leffler with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Red Men, and he is also a member of the Sons of Veterans, while his religious affiliations are with the Baptist church, of which he is a valued member. Although in the main self-educated, he is a scholarly man, profound lawyer, an able judge, and is an unassuming, genial and popular citizen.

THE BALL BROTHERS GLASS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, like most of our largest manufacturing concerns, was started in a small way, and has been built up by hard work and untiring energy.

The five brothers, founders and present owners of the business, Edmund B., Frank C., William C., Lucius L. and George A., were all born on a farm in Trumbull county, Ohio. While they were all young their father moved to Canandaigua, New York state, where he engaged in the mercantile business and where at the academy they all received their education. Soon after their father's death they all moved to Buffalo and started into the manufacturing of sheet metal specialties, which, in time, called for the use of large quantities of glass, which for a time they purchased in the market. Being unable to get satisfactory service in their purchases, as their demand grew they decided to make the glass themselves, and so erected a furnace in Buffalo, and were operating it when natural gas was first discovered in Ohio and Indiana. Appreciating the advantage that the gas for fuel would be to them, they built at Muncie a furnace, which they ran for awhile as a branch of their Buffalo plant, but gradually they removed one department after another of the Buffalo plant to Muncie and finally abandoned the Buffalo factory entirely. They rapidly increased the capacity of the Muncie plant and then acquired plants at other points, so they are now operating factories at Marion, Indiana, Belleville, Illinois, and Coffeyville, Kansas.

The "Ball-Mason" fruit jar, known throughout the whole country,

cannot be measured. Many business concerns and moral enterprises owe their excellence and progress largely to his influence. He was in touch with the people, and from a sincere and deep-felt interest in their welfare labored for all that would prove of public benefit until the busy and useful life was ended.

A native of Bracken county, Kentucky, born in 1822, he in 1831, when a little lad of nine years, removed with his father, Anderson Patterson, to Clearmont county, Ohio, locating on a farm near the old General Grant homestead, and there the little son developed and grew to sturdy manhood. In 1838 he entered upon a three years' apprenticeship at the tinsmith's trade, later removing to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he served a year at copper and bright work, and then during the following three years was employed as a journeyman. About this time Mr. Patterson engaged in business on Front street, Cincinnati, establishing the firm of Patterson & Conley, which continued to transact a large and important business until a fire destroyed their plant in 1847. Their insurance had expired the day previous, and thus everything was lost, their loss amounting to about five thousand dollars. After all debts were paid Mr. Patterson went to St. Louis, there to begin anew the battle of life, and on the 15th of May, 1850, having accumulated eight hundred dollars from his hard-earned savings in St. Louis, came to Muncie and invested his capital, at the same time establishing the firm of Patterson & Sample, his partner being Charles P. Sample, and under their skillful management their interests grew and branched out until in 1855 they purchased the Neal McCullough hardware store, reorganizing it and enlarging the hardware department, also adding farm implements of all kinds. With the passing years they became very successful in their ventures, and in 1867 they sold their store to George Seitz, and, going to Indianapolis, formed a company and erected a large blast furnace at Brazil, Indiana, Mr. Patterson superintending the construction of the plant, also sunk a coal shaft and built two miles of railroad, having during that time four hundred men under his direct supervision. After one and a half years had passed, however, he and Mr. Sample returned to Muncie, repurchasing the stock of Mr. Seitz, and they continued in the business until the death of Mr. Sample in 1873, while in the following year Mr. Patterson sold his interest in the business to Mr. Shirk and embarked in the brokerage and private banking business in partnership with Theodore J. Riley. After the latter's death Mr. Patterson devoted his attention to his real estate interests, building, developing, etc., and to his untiring efforts Muncie is largely indebted for much of her present prosperity. He held a high position in business circles in the community for many years, and his activity in that direction justly entitles him to be numbered among the founders of the city, for it is those who promote commercial and industrial activity who are the real builders of a place.

In 1855 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Patterson and Samantha

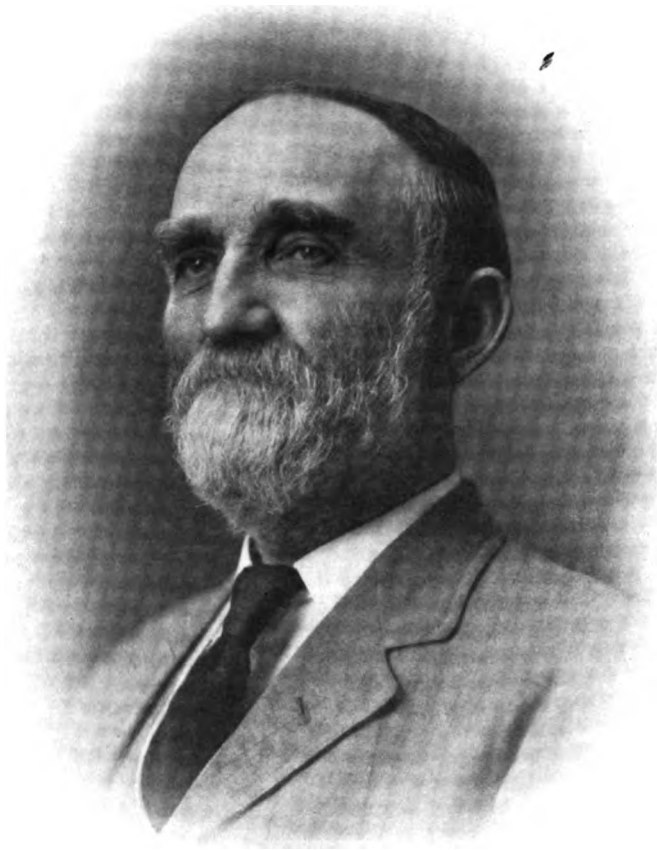
Collier, a daughter of Samuel R. Collier, a well-known citizen of Delaware county, and two children bless this union. The daughter, Cora P., is the wife of George F. McCullouch. Although Mr. Patterson has passed away, many pleasant memories of him are enshrined in the hearts of his friends, and his influence for good remains with those who knew him.

GEORGE H. KOONS. The ancestors of George H. Koons emigrated from North Carolina to Indiana at an early day. They were farmers, honest, thrifty, and hospitable, possessing the common virtues of that class.

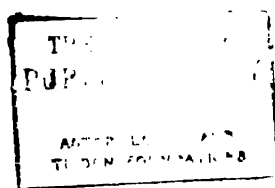
George H. Koons was born in Blue River township, Henry county, Indiana, April 2, 1848. He is the son of Peter and Catherine (Rinard) Koons, and the eldest of a family of seven. His boyhood days were spent at home on the farm. His education was begun in the district schools and continued in the New Castle Academy and later in the Indiana University at Bloomington. He taught in the country schools during the winter while yet a student in the New Castle Academy. After completing his course of study there he accepted the position of superintendent of the schools of Middletown, Henry county, Indiana, where he demonstrated his thoroughness and capacity as an instructor and superintendent, raised the standard of the schools and made them a pronounced success. He read law with Brown and Polk, attorneys at New Castle, afterward entering the law department of the State University, from which, in a class of thirty-three, he graduated with honors, receiving his degree of LL. B. in 1871.

After leaving the university he continued the study of law under the instruction and guidance of Hon. Jehu T. Elliot at New Castle for a time, and then began the practice of law in Middletown, Henry county. In 1874 he removed to Muncie, where he has since lived practicing his profession, with the exception of six years, during which time he served as judge of the Delaware circuit court. He is ranked among the best lawyers of the state. His success was not immediate, but came as a result of patient industry, painstaking, intelligent effort.

In politics he is a Republican, with decidedly liberal and independent proclivities. He never in any way encouraged nor countenanced corrupt methods in politics and has steadfastly condemned all corrupt uses of money, often expressing the view that "the corruption of the ballot is a traitorous crime for which there is neither excuse nor palliation." In 1880 he was a candidate for the nomination by his party for the state legislature, but was defeated by the Hon. John W. Ryan. In 1892 he defeated the Hon. James N. Templer at the Republican primary election for the nomination of judge of the Delaware circuit court of Indiana, and was elected to that office, in which he served from 1892 to 1898, discharging his official duties with the diligence, ability, courage and dignity expected of him. He ranked high as a judge. Being conscientious in devotion to duty and just in judgment his decisions were well considered and rarely reversed. He declined to



*Geo. H. Koons*



accept "railroad passes" and never used nor traveled on one. He was defeated for renomination by the Hon. Joseph G. Leffler, the present incumbent. Since his retirement from the bench he has been diligently engaged in the practice of law in the circuit, appellate and supreme courts of the state, and in the federal courts. He has long been recognized as an able advocate and wise counsellor.

He is a man of broad humanitarian views, thoroughly democratic in bearing, and in close sympathy with his fellow-men, a lover of all that is noblest and best in humanity, a Unitarian in belief and deeply imbued with the philosophy and teachings of Emerson, though a regular attendant at the Universalist church of Muncie. At college he belonged to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was a charter member of "The Literary and Scientific Association" of Muncie, out of which ultimately was developed the Ethical Society, of which he was for a time president. For many years he has been a member of the State Bar Association of Indiana, and is a charter member of the Muncie Bar Association and its present president.

He was married September 6, 1871, to Josinah V. Hickman, daughter of William H. and Clarissa (Williams) Hickman. Four children have blessed their home, three of whom are Clarissa K., Rebecca E. and George Hickman Koons. Mary Maud, the eldest, passed away at the age of fourteen months and ten days. He is a kind, indulgent husband and father. He is true to his friends and forgiving and forbearing toward all, knowing that "Kindness is a language the dumb can speak, and the deaf can hear and understand."

HON. GEORGE WASHINGTON CROMER, member of congress from the Eighth district of Indiana and a lawyer of much renown, was born in Madison county, Indiana, May 13, 1856, his parents being Josiah and Mary (Shultz) Cromer, who were natives of Maryland and Indiana, respectively. In 1857 they established their home in Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, their son George being then a mere child, and on the home farm there, for his father was a farmer, he was reared. His early educational training was received in the schools of Salem township, where he also taught for three terms, and he then entered Wittenberg College of Springfield, Ohio. He next matriculated in the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1882 with the degree of A. M.

During a short time after his graduation Mr. Cromer edited the *Muncie Times*, and he then read law and began the practice of his chosen profession in 1886 at Muncie, which city has ever since been his home and the scene of his activities. His political career began with his professional, for in the same year in which he began the practice of law he was elected prosecuting attorney for the Forty-sixth judicial circuit of Indiana, to which position he was re-elected in 1888. The duties of this office he discharged

in a manner highly creditable to himself and satisfactory alike to his friends and those who opposed him politically. In 1892 he was made the chairman of the County Central Committee and a member of the State Republican Committee for the Sixth congressional district. Two years later, in 1894, Mr. Cromer was elected to the highest office within the gift of the people of the city, that of mayor, while his services were next called into requisition by an election, in 1898, to the Fifty-sixth congress. He served with much ability in this high office, and two years later was re-elected to congress, and again to the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth congresses. Thus Mr. Cromer has not alone attained prestige and success in the practice of his profession, but has been conspicuously identified with many interests which have subserved the material prosperity of Indiana, proving a valuable factor in the legislative and political councils of his state.

He married, in 1895, Miss Fannie J. Soule, of Chicago, Illinois.

GEORGE W. MARING. Concerning the glass manufacturing firm of Maring, Hart & Company, who were among the early manufacturers to locate in Muncie after the natural gas boom, much has been said on other pages of this history. The third member of this firm, George W. Maring, has been identified with Muncie as a citizen since 1888, and he belongs with that notable group of business men who, during the last twenty years, have built Muncie from a town to a city. Until the discontinuance of the window glass industry in this city, he was actively connected with those interests, and his company also conducted two bottle plants at Dunkirk. A few years ago he sold his interests, and though since retired from the industrial affairs of his city, he is active in financial and civic matters. He was one of the organizers of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie.

Before coming to Muncie in 1888 Mr. Maring had spent most of his life in his native state of Ohio, where, in Monroe county, he was born August 15, 1843. His parents, Peter and Edith (Davis) Maring, were also natives of Ohio and spent their lives in that state, the father being a carpenter. Reared in Somerton, Belmont county, George W. Maring was pursuing an apprenticeship in the harness and saddle-maker's trade when the war broke out, and finally unable to resist the call of duty, he enlisted, August 16, 1862, in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-second Ohio Infantry, and served throughout the conflict until he received an honorable discharge on March 23, 1865, together with a surgeon's certificate of disability. At the time of his discharge he was serving as corporal and color guard of the regiment. He saw hard service, but was not

Ohio. Three years later he removed to Chillicothe, Missouri, and engaged as clerk in the drug business. After about two years in the drug trade he engaged as traveling salesman for the wholesale glass firm of J. M. Maring & Company, in which occupation he spent about seven years. About this time the firm of J. M. Maring & Company was reorganized under the firm name of Maring, Hart & Company, the firm being composed of J. M. Maring, T. F. Hart and George W. Maring.

While engaged in this business he was located at Bellaire, Ohio, a flourishing center of the glass trade during the eighties. After the discovery of gas about Muncie, this town became well advertised to all the manufacturers of Ohio, especially the glass makers, who found in the Magic City a veritable Eldorado for their industry. Mr. Maring and his associates were among those attracted to this city, and his energy and enterprise were important contributions to the increasing greatness of the city. Mr. Maring married, in 1877, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Van Scoyoc of Pennsylvania.

W. E. HITCHCOCK. The men of influence in this age are the enterprising, progressive representatives of commerce, and to such ones advancement and progress are due. Mr. Hitchcock has the mental poise and calm judgment to successfully guide and control large business affairs, and at the same time he has a keen appreciation of the ethics of commercial life, so that he not only commands the respect of his fellow-men for his uprightness, but also excites their admiration by his splendid abilities.

Mr. Hitchcock was born in Meriden, Connecticut, January 30, 1859, one of the two children of E. A. and Mary A. (Greene) Hitchcock. Removing with his parents to Ashtabula, Ohio, he received a good practical English education in its public schools, and at the early age of fifteen years he became a teller in an Ashtabula bank, continuing to successfully discharge the duties of that important office for several years. From 1876 until 1879 he served as a bookkeeper for the Meriden Britannia Company, and then returned to Ashtabula to assist his father in his large manufacturing enterprise, which in 1884 they removed to Muncie and formed a partnership with A. L. and J. C. Johnson. Mr. Hitchcock is now the sole manager of this extensive concern, and in discharging his duties he has displayed splendid executive power and keen discrimination, and is widely recognized as a most capable business man. His interests, however, are many and varied, and he is also serving as the president of the Delaware County National Bank, the Muncie Savings and Loan Company, and is a director in the Muncie Trust Company, the Muncie Electric Light Company, and an officer in several manufacturing corporations, and many others of the leading institutions of the city owe their existence and subsequent prosperity to his wonderful ability. His name is indissolubly connected with the public annals of Delaware county, for he is an active worker in the ranks of the

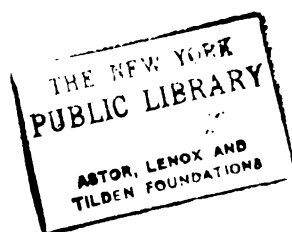
Republican party, and as its representative has held many positions of honor and trust. He was for several years president of the Metropolitan Police Board of the city, and is known as one of the most honorable public men in Muncie. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order. He also served as colonel on the staff of Governor Durbin during his term of office.

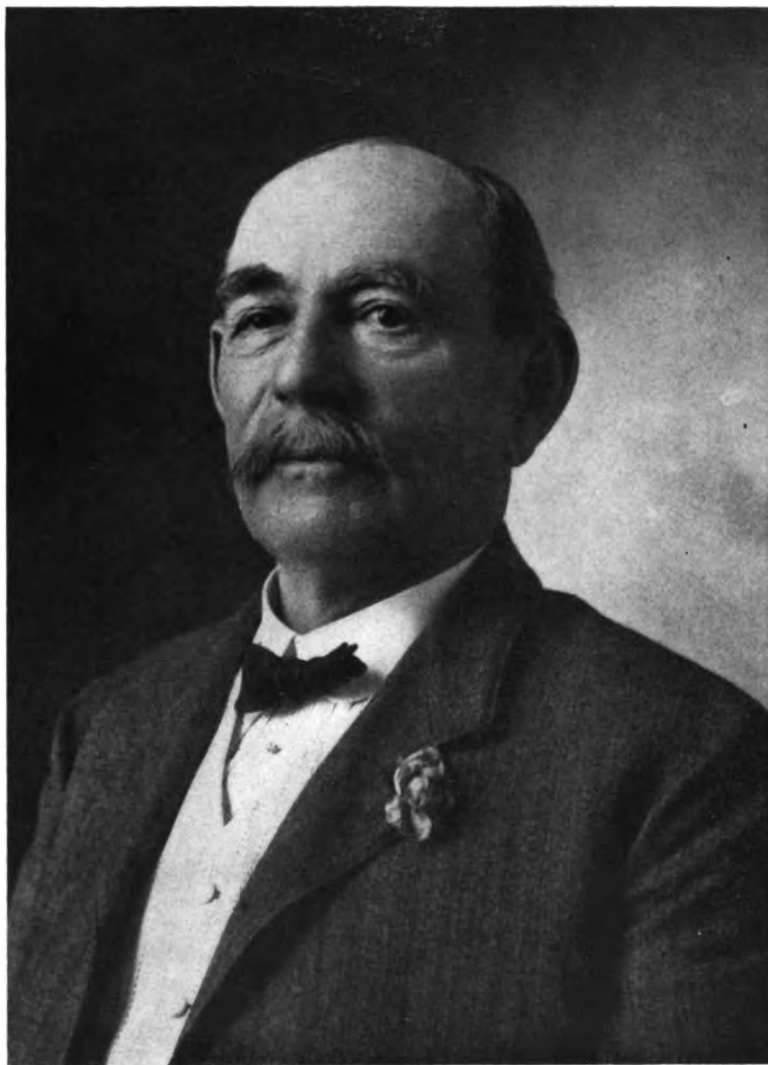
On the 30th of September, 1885, Mr. Hitchcock was united in marriage to Miss Estelle Morehouse of Muncie.

CHARLES HENRY CHURCH has been a resident of Muncie since March, 1887, at which time he removed to the city from New London, Ohio, and soon thereafter assisted in organizing the Delaware County Bank, a state institution. He was chosen as cashier, and in that position continued until in 1892 it was succeeded by the Delaware County National Bank, when he was made its cashier, and has continued as such for the period of twenty years in the same location. His career as a banker dates from 1872, when he organized the First National Bank at New London, Ohio, and was selected as vice-president and manager, continuing until his removal to this city. In 1888 Mr. Church became the organizer and charter member of the Muncie Savings and Loan Company, was made its treasurer, in which position he still remains. As an indication of his banking qualifications, he was invited to assist in the organization of the Indiana Bankers' Association, and was one of the charter members, numbering about twenty-five. It now numbers over four hundred members, and during the year 1906 Mr. Church was selected and served as president of the institution.

Mr. Church is a native of New York, born in Chenango county, in a small hamlet called Church Hollow, named in honor of the Church family. A postoffice was established under that name, with William Church, his father, as postmaster, and who was also a merchant for many years in that section. Mr. Church received the usual academic education in his native county, and engaged in the mercantile business for several years, in fact, mercantile and banking interests have engaged his attention from boyhood, and throughout his active business career he has always enjoyed the deserved confidence of all with whom he has been associated. In the interests of Muncie he has always taken an active part and in various ways contributed to its progress and upbuilding. While an ardent supporter of the Republican party, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, he has never sought political preferment.

At the age of twenty-six he was united in marriage to Miss Lou Tyler, a daughter of Henry P. and Ann Tyler of Norwalk, Ohio. They have two children, William and Ernest, both of age, one engaged in business at Muncie and the youngest, Ernest, at the University of Indiana. Mr. Church has been quite active as a Mason in the Masonic orders, and at present is treasurer of the Muncie Commandery of Knights Templar.





**James Boyce.**

JAMES BOYCE, of Muncie, Indiana, was born near Belfast, Ireland, April 7, 1833. His parents, Hugh and Margaret (Wilson) Boyce, of Scotch descent, were also born there. He received a common school education from six to twelve years and became very proficient in his studies, helping the teacher during the last year. After leaving school at that age he worked in a linen factory for four years at eight cents a day of twelve hours. At this time, October 8, 1848, he suffered the loss of his mother, leaving him virtually an orphan, owing to the destitution of his family, his father being a drunkard. He still continued to work in the same factory, receiving nine cents a day without board, and subsisting on cornmeal mush and buttermilk twenty-one meals per week. He was taken to France to educate the French boys in his line, starting at fifteen cents per day and rapidly advancing to eighty-three cents. After remaining there for two years he again returned to Belfast and stayed there for nearly two years. He was then solicited to take charge of a number of expert girl linen spinners that were employed for a linen factory in Lile de Flanders, and so returned to France. Working at this for a few months and finding himself out of employment and longing to get back to St. Germain, where he first worked, he walked from Lile de Flanders to St. Germain, a distance of three hundred miles, where he was gladly welcomed by his old employer, who placed him to work. Arriving at the age of twenty-one, tired of his every-day work, he went to Havre intending to enlist in the British navy for the Crimean war, but providentially he was otherwise persuaded to go to the United States as a sailor. Obeying the advice of his good Samaritan he shipped as an ordinary seaman to New York, arriving there after a tedious voyage of nine weeks. There being no linen factories in this country he was compelled to accept any kind of labor, and his first job was driving a team on the Erie canal, but afterward he received employment in a flax mill at Little Falls, New York, which at twenty-three dollars per month led to his success. Having become an expert in this new line in the flax business, he was engaged for one year at fifty dollars per month at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. There Mr. Boyce became acquainted and married Miss Eliza McKennet, a lady of Scotch-Irish descent, April 5, 1857. Soon after his marriage he engaged in the flax business for himself in a small way, about ten miles from Cuyahoga Falls, but in a few weeks his dam washed away and not being able to build up again he went to Newton Falls, Ohio, and finding employment in his line remained about two years. At this time, taking Horace Greeley's advice, he started for Shakkoppee, Scott county, Minnesota, with his wife and child, and two hundred and fifty dollars in money. Not being able to find employment or buy a home he left his wife and child there for a time and went to Greenville, Mississippi, and working at ditching he cleared thereby three hundred and five dollars. He then returned to Minnesota and bought eighty acres of land and all the flaxseed obtainable in the drug stores in St. Paul and Minneapolis and sowed the first two acres of flax sown in Minnesota. But not being able to purchase machinery to scutch it in the

fall he left his family again temporarily and went to Newton Falls and returned home again in the early spring with two hundred and ten dollars to show for the winter's work, working fifteen hours a day five days in the week and nineteen hours on Saturday. On his arrival he sowed twenty acres and then proceeded to construct a breaking and scutching machine and horse power of his own invention, cutting the logs from his own woods, giving one-half of the lumber for sawing and one-half of the other half for the carpenter work. With this he scutched the twenty acres, and when ready for shipment it was valued at about twenty-five hundred dollars. The fire fiend destroyed the warehouse, together with all his farm product, dwelling, furniture and nearly all the family clothing, and, as he carried no insurance, it left him nothing but his farm. But his misfortunes on the frontier had only begun. The next spring typhoid fever entered his family, taking his wife and one child, leaving him with two children to commence the world anew. Mr. Boyce then sold everything left and returned to Ohio and bought one-third interest in a flax factory in Alliance, and after two months purchased the other two-thirds, and later sold out for the sum of two thousand dollars. With this he moved his family to Wooster, Ohio, and purchased one-fourth interest in a flax factory, and later bought another fourth, making half interest, but at the end of two years fire wiped out the profits for the two years, there being no insurance. Building it up again, better than ever before, at the end of the fourth year he sold out for ten thousand dollars. With this he moved his all to Muncie, arriving on the 4th of July, 1870, being the first individual coming into town with that amount of money. Commencing the first factory in a small way, inventing and manufacturing labor-saving machines, he soon became the largest flax-bagging manufacturer in the world. He afterwards installed D. handle machinery, and produced more of such handles than any other concern in the world. Mr. Boyce engaged in many other lines of legitimate and speculative enterprises, namely, the manufacture of shoe rivets, and baskets, oil and mining operations. During his first fourteen years he suffered many losses by fire.

Mr. Boyce has found time, notwithstanding his business cares, to discharge official duties. His first office was chairman of the board of county commissioners of Scott county, Minnesota. He was three times elected councilman from the Fourth ward in Muncie. He has taken all the degrees of Odd Fellowship, passing through both chairs, and all in the Masonic fraternity up to the Shrine, and is now a member of the Elks and a charter

pany, capitalized at two hundred thousand dollars, during its existence of eight years, whose history is elsewhere given. Mr. Boyce was first in every new improvement, putting in his residence the first bath tub, steam heating plant, street lighting, and also built the first electric light plant; had the first lawnmower, and many other minor matters too numerous to mention.

Mr. Boyce's first wife died June 1, 1865. He was married in Alliance, Ohio, January 7, 1866, to Mrs. Eliza Shaffer, who died April 18, 1875, leaving him with a family of seven children. He married July 10, 1875, Miss Margaret Mohler, by whom he has two children. Of his eleven children seven survive, three sons and four daughters.

We seldom see such perseverance through difficulties, such buoyancy of spirit under such heavy afflictions and such fertility of resources in repairing losses. All advantages seem to have been withheld, and overtaken by many disasters, he has succeeded only, as it were, by wresting success from the grasp of fate. Through life his motto has been, great hope, no fear. The force of his character is manifest in the fact that while he manages his private affairs with such ability, he yet has sufficient mental power to act with effect in other situations. While being retired from active business at seventy-five, he is physically and mentally sound and still takes a fatherly interest in city affairs for the mutual interest.

STAFFORD B. PERDUE, the sheriff of Delaware county, is one of the most popular and efficient officials of the county, and is also a representative of one of the honored early families of this section of the state. His father, the Rev. Abner Perdue was born, reared and married in Guilford county, North Carolina, there receiving his educational training, and was fitted for the Methodist ministry. When only seventeen years of age he began preaching, continuing his ministerial labors in North Carolina and Virginia until 1831, when he removed with his family to Indiana, stopping for a few years in Henry county and then removing to Delaware county. On his arrival here he entered land from the government two miles west of Muncie, where he improved an excellent farm, carrying on his agricultural labors in addition to his ministerial work, and in his later life was also engaged in merchandising at Tabor and Gaston. After his removal to Indiana he transferred his labors from the Methodist Episcopal to the Protestant Methodist church, and to him belongs the honor of having organized and started most of the churches of that denomination in Henry and Delaware counties. He also taught in the early schools of this county. Rev. Perdue was an excellent orator, well versed in theology, and he officiated at more funerals and solemnized more marriages than any other minister in this section of the state. Though many years have elapsed since his death in February, 1875, the influence of his conscientious, just career, his kindly, generous heart and sympathetic manner abides. Mrs. Perdue bore the maiden name of Frances Finlay and was a native of Delaware county.

Among the native sons of Delaware county is numbered Stafford B.

Perdiue, whose birth occurred in Monroe township on the 26th of January, 1868, and in its public schools he received the educational training which fitted him for life's responsible duties. During the first years of his active business career he followed agricultural pursuits, but at the age of nineteen years engaged in the barber business in Muncie, and in November, 1905, was elected to the office of sheriff of Delaware county, the duties of which he has since discharged in a satisfactory and commendable manner. Since reaching mature years he has been a zealous worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and is at all times a loyal and public-spirited citizen, actively interested in all measures advanced for the good of the people.

In 1888 Mr. Perdiue was married to Miss Hattie B. Kiger, a daughter of Charles Kiger, of Delaware county, and their only daughter is Charlotte F. Mr. Perdiue holds membership relations with the Delaware lodge of Masons, and is a worthy member of the Methodist church.

ROBE CARL WHITE, believed to be the youngest postmaster that Muncie has ever had, is a good example of what determination to win will do, and of how obstacles to progress may really be blessings in disguise. Truth to tell, however, he was not born in a log cabin, as persons who succeed in life are supposed to be, but instead he first saw the light of day in his parents' substantial frame dwelling in Delaware county, and during his early years pursued the common life of a Hoosier schoolboy. In his life thus far he has seen much of hard work and study, something of adventure and considerable of success.

Mr. White is the son of Samuel S. and Mary (Andrews) White, both of whom were natives of Indiana and the former of whom is still alive and living north of Muncie, a respected pioneer of the county. His mother died in March, 1905. His father, who came to Delaware county in 1836, where he has lived most of the time since, once served as county commissioner.

Robe Carl White was born on the old family homestead near Muncie on August 27, 1869, and was not yet thirty-eight years old, therefore, when he became postmaster of Muncie in March, 1907. Previous to his becoming postmaster he had been city attorney of Muncie, resigning that position to accept the postmastership, and had been prominently identified with the Republican politics of the city, county and district before holding any public office. Mr. White attended the district schools of Delaware county and the city schools of Muncie until he was fourteen years old, at which time, in 1883, he accompanied his parents to Iola, Kansas. There he continued his education and was graduated from the Iola high school after completing a four years' course of study. At this time, although he then entertained



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Tiring of this life, however, and being ambitious to succeed more rapidly than he believed was possible as a country school teacher, he joined the great rush into Oklahoma in 1889—the rush that has become historic. There was something dramatic and appealing in this rush as a result of which towns with thousands of inhabitants sprang up in a single night from barren prairies, and it fired Mr. White's imagination, as it did that of many another. The Scott brothers, friends of White, one of whom is now Congressman Charles F. Scott, of Kansas, had resolved to start the first newspaper in Oklahoma, and White was asked to become a reporter for it, a position he accepted with alacrity. The rush into the territory began at noon one day and that same night the Scott brothers issued from a tent the first copy of the first newspaper in the territory, the *Oklahoma Journal*, on the site of Oklahoma City. In a few days the paper was in its own building, and for months, during which the Scott brothers fairly rolled in wealth, while their job presses ran night and day, Mr. White acted as head reporter for the *Journal*. But after he had participated for a year in the strenuous western newspaper life the old desire to continue his education again took possession of him. He had managed to save a little money, and with it went to Chicago, where he took a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1890. It was the business experience gained in Chicago that enabled him to realize his cherished aim, the taking of a college course. By means of it he was enabled to secure employment as an accountant while he was taking a law course of four years in the University of Minnesota. He was graduated from the university in 1896. Mr. White was then offered a scholarship in Hobart College, New York, but financial reasons prevented his accepting the offer. It had become necessary for him to do something to bring in a greater income than he had been receiving.

For the three years following his graduation Mr. White practiced law successfully in St. Paul, Minnesota, and then came to Muncie, after his many years of absence, and formed a partnership with Ira J. Young, under the firm name White & Young, this partnership continuing until 1906, when Mr. White became identified with the administration of Mayor Leonidas A. Guthrie as city attorney. Then he was appointed by the president to be postmaster of Muncie on the joint recommendation of Senators Beveridge and Hemenway, of Indiana, his appointment coming just before the dedication of the handsome new federal building in Muncie, of which he is now, by reason of his office, custodian.

But while Mr. White's life has largely been one of business activity, he has not neglected altogether the social side of it. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Independent Order of Red Men and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

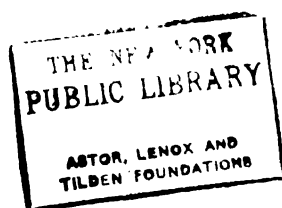
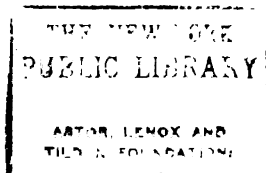
He was married in 1896 to Miss Agnes L. McSorley, of Red Wing, Minnesota, where the marriage ceremony was performed.

**H. C. HAYMOND.** One of the leading citizens and influential business men of Muncie is H. C. Haymond, who is now serving as vice president of the Delaware County National Bank and in many other ways is connected with the leading interests of the county. His birth occurred near Fairmont, West Virginia, May 4, 1852, and in that commonwealth his parents, Octavius and Elizabeth (Fleming) Haymond, were also born. The father died when his son H. C. was but nine months old, and when a lad of seventeen years, in 1869, he came to Muncie to make his home with his brother, who was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Delaware county. Completing his education in the schools of this city, Mr. Haymond taught for nine years in the country schools, after which he abandoned the professional for a mercantile life and for a time was engaged in merchandising at Cowan, Indiana. He was next employed as a salesman for the firm of Chandler & Taylor, of Indianapolis, and a short time afterwards entered upon his long connection with the Indiana Bridge Company, with which he was associated for eighteen years. In 1905 Mr. Haymond was made the vice president of the Delaware County National Bank, which is regarded as one of the most reliable financial concerns in this part of the state, and its constantly growing business attests its popularity. He is also interested in other enterprises, being a director of the Muncie Trust & Savings Company and the Mutual Home and Savings Association; he is also the present city comptroller, and for seven years has served as a member of the city council, while for two terms he has been a member of the school board. He is progressive and resolute in all his transactions, and as the result of his capable management he has gained a place among the substantial citizens and most highly esteemed business men of his county.

Mr. Haymond was united in marriage in 1877 to Margaret A. Louthain, of Indiana, and they have four sons. He holds membership relations with the Masonic order in Muncie, with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

**REV. JACOB W. HEATH.** One of the best-known citizens of Delaware county was Rev. Jacob W. Heath, nearly all of whose life was passed within the borders of this county. He was thoroughly earnest and sincere in all his thoughts, words and deeds, and his noble, manly life proved an inspiration to many of his friends and associates. Though he has passed to his reward, the influence of his conscientious, just career, his kindly, generous heart and sympathetic manner abides.

His family was founded in this country by his great-grandfather, who with two brothers came from London, England, and lived for some time in Maryland, where the grandfather Jacob was born and reared. In his young





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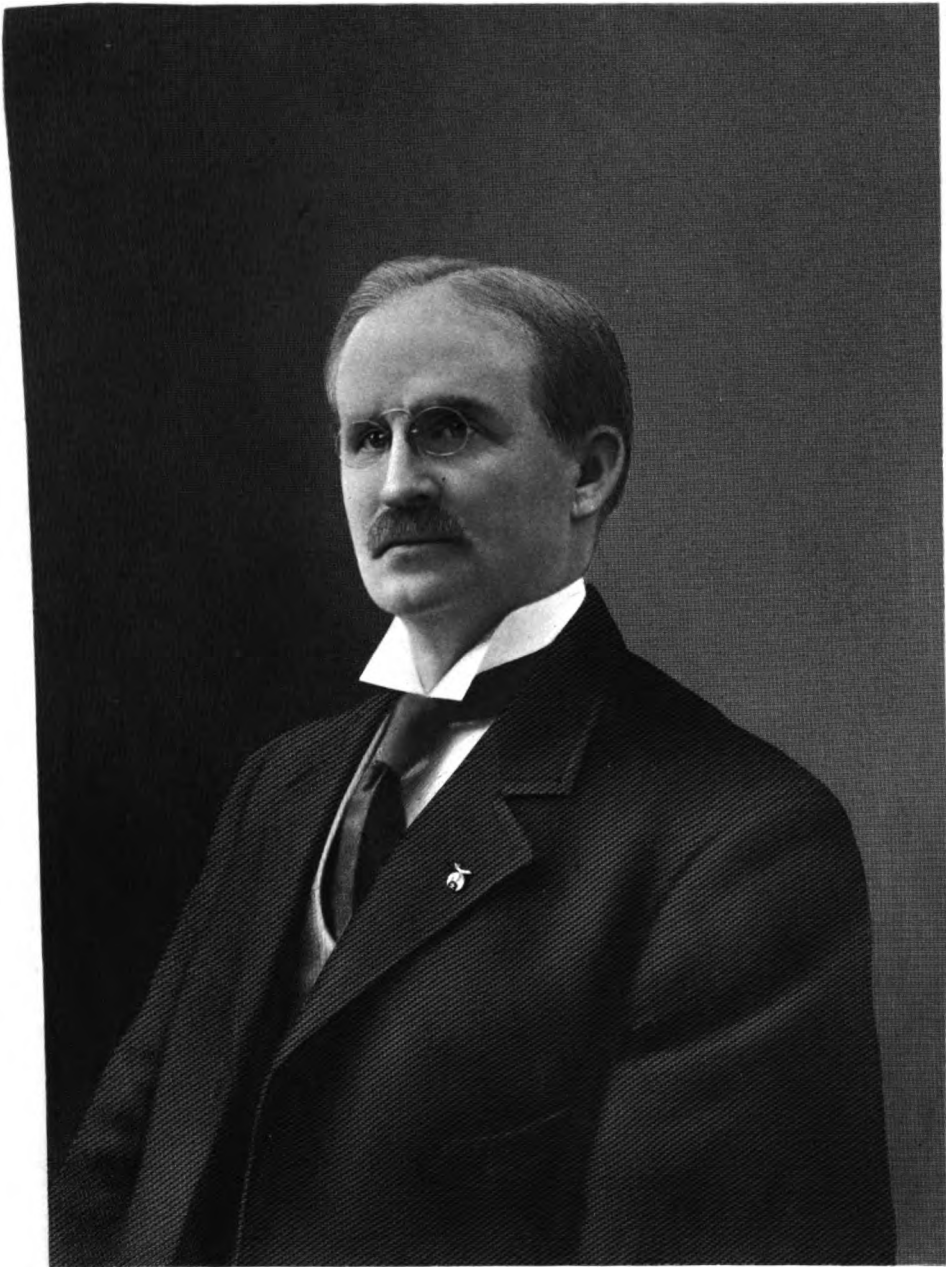


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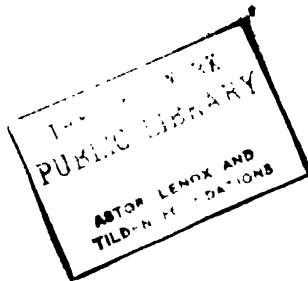
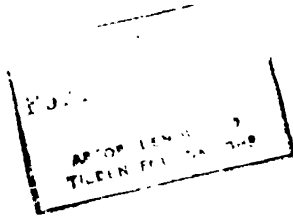


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wagon and arriving in Wayne county in October, 1828. In the following year, however, the husband and father came to Delaware county and entered land, this being at a time when the county's voters numbered less than two hundred, and much of the land where Muncie now stands was congress land, subject to entry at one dollar and a quarter an acre. Locating in Salem township, Mr. Ralph Heath erected a little cabin home, and December 25, 1829, brought his family hither. This was then a lonely section, where the bears, panthers and other wild animals roamed at will through the dense forests, and the children of the family shared in the rugged pioneer life. Mr. Heath was a Christian man, and his cabin became the preaching place for the Methodist Episcopal missionaries for years.

In this Christian home Rev. Jacob W. Heath learned the lessons of purity, gentleness of manner and integrity of character which characterized his after years, and he lived at home with his parents and attended the district schools until of age, also working on the farm during the summer months. During the years of 1848-9 he was a student in the Delaware County Academy, and after leaving that institution taught school for some time. Turning his attention from a professional to a business career, he was engaged in farming until 1868, when he came to Muncie and engaged in the grocery, real estate and life insurance business. At the early age of sixteen years Rev. Heath had joined the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he filled the offices of leader, trustee, steward, Sunday-school superintendent, exhorter, and from 1877 was a local minister. As would be expected of such a man, true in all his relations to his fellows, he was loyal to his duties as a citizen and used his franchise in favor of all noble principles and upright candidates for public office, his sympathies being with the Republican party. He was an active and efficient worker in its campaigns, but at all times he was a strong temperance advocate.

In 1850 Rev. Heath was married to Rhoda A., a daughter of Rev. Abner Perdue, and they became the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters: John B., Frederick W., Perry S., Fletcher S., Cyrus R., Cassie E. and Mary A. Arthur B. W. died in infancy. Rev. Heath exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the Masonic order, of which he was long a faithful member, having become a member of Delaware lodge, F. and A. M., in 1856. Though he has been called to his home beyond, he is kindly remembered by his many acquaintances and friends of former years.

C. B. FUDGE, engaged in the clothing business, ranks today among the most successful and leading business men of Muncie. Nearly his entire life has been passed within the confines of Delaware county, and his advancement has been along the lines of the city's growth, due to progressive, resolute purpose and laudable ambition. His birth occurred in Xenia, Ohio, September 24, 1863, a son of John S. and Martha (Booths) Fudge, both also born in that commonwealth. In 1864, however, the family came to Delaware county, Indiana, establishing their home in Niles township, where the

father was engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, retiring to private life about ten years before his death, which occurred in 1899, aged seventy-one years.

The district schools of Delaware county afforded C. B. Fudge with the educational training which he enjoyed in his youth, and after leaving the schoolroom he spent one year as a clerk in a store in Albany. Returning on the expiration of that period to Muncie, he was for twelve years employed as a clerk, and in 1899 formed a partnership with G. W. Bliss in the clothing and gentlemen's outfitting business, the firm name being Bliss & Fudge. Purchasing his partner's interest, Mr. Fudge incorporated the business in 1903, and under his skillful management it has now reached extensive proportions, placing its proprietor among the foremost business men of Muncie. Mr. Fudge has also many other interests, but his time is principally devoted to his clothing business.

In June, 1892, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fudge and Nellie M. Armitage. She is a daughter of Dr. D. R. Armitage, of Delaware county, and three children have been born to bless the union, Mildred Marie, Robert Armitage and Carl Sellers. Mr. Fudge has membership relations with the Masonic order, belonging to the Muncie lodge, chapter and commandery, and has passed all the chairs in the latter. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church. Success has crowned his well-directed and enterprising efforts, and it is the wish of his many friends that the master of "Fairacres," a beautiful country seat three miles from Muncie, may be numbered among the valuable citizens of Delaware county for many years to come.

HON. LEONIDAS A. GUTHRIE, a distinguished member of the legal profession, is honored and respected in every class of society and is a leader in the public life of his city and county. His name is a familiar one in political and professional circles, and by reason of his marked intellectual activity he is well fitted to aid in molding the public policy as the mayor of Muncie. For many years the Guthrie family have been closely associated with the progress and development of Delaware county, it having been in a very early day in its history that John Milton Guthrie, the grandfather of Leonidas, took up his abode within its borders, but soon after the birth of his son James he moved to Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his life and became a prominent factor in the community in which he made his home, Guthrie county in that state having been named in his honor. Soon after his

public schools of Muncie he began the study of shorthand and bookkeeping. His first employment along that line was with the Muncie Glass Company, of Muncie, with which he remained until 1893, when he took up court reporting and from 1894 until 1897 was the court reporter of Randolph county, Indiana. Going thence to Indianapolis, he served as stenographer of the appellate court until he was made the official reporter of the Delaware circuit court. In the meantime Mr. Guthrie had entered upon the study of law, his preceptors being Gregory, Silverburg & Lotz, and after his admission to the bar in 1897 he served two years as probate commissioner of Delaware county, resigning that position to become mayor of Muncie, to which high office he had been elected in November, 1905. In this position he has been very efficient and faithful, making a most competent officer.

In June, 1905, Mr. Guthrie was united in marriage to Ethel, a daughter of Robert Calvin Peterson, of Delaware county. In his political affiliations Mr. Guthrie has always been a zealous Republican, active in campaign work and laboring earnestly for the adoption of its principles. He is also a member of the Masonic and other orders, and is widely and favorably known in Muncie and Delaware counties.

W. A. THOMPSON. The work of the legal profession is to formulate, to harmonize, to regulate, to adjust, to administer those rules and principles that underlie and permeate all government and society and control the varied relations of man. As thus viewed there attaches to the legal profession a nobleness that cannot but be reflected in the life of the true lawyer, who, conscious of the greatness of his profession and honest in the pursuit of his purpose, embraces the richness of learning, the profoundness of wisdom, the firmness of integrity and the purity of morals, together with the courtesy and the general amenities of life. A prominent representative of the bar of Delaware county is W. A. Thompson, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, August 8, 1840, his parents having been among the early pioneers of that county, where they were also highly respected. Their son, W. A., who was one of fourteen children, spent the early years of his life on a farm, supplementing the instruction which he received in the district school near his home by attendance in the high school at Shelbyville, while later he spent two years in Moore's Hill College. At the age of eighteen he became principal of the graded school of St. Paul, Indiana, and later taught for some time in Shelby county.

When seventeen years of age Mr. Thompson united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in 1862, when a youth of twenty-two years, he entered its ministry, spending seven years in the Southeastern Indiana conference. After the death of his first wife, which occurred in 1865, he returned to Moore's Hill College for one year, after which he again resumed his ministerial labors, thus continuing until failing health caused him to abandon his chosen labor, and he retired from the ministry in 1870. Shortly afterward he began the study of the law under the preceptorship of Judge Lamb,

completing his studies with the firm of Gordon, Browne & Lamb, of Indianapolis, and in 1871 began practice in association with General Thomas Browne at Winchester, while from 1873 to 1874 he was with Judge J. J. Cheney, from 1874 to 1879 was associated in practice with Judge L. J. Monks, and afterward formed a partnership with Captain A. O. Marsh and his brother, J. W. Thompson, the firm name becoming Thompson, Marsh & Thompson. On the 25th of December, 1889, Mr. Thompson came to Muncie and formed a law partnership with Judge Ryan, but he is now engaged in practice with his son, and the firm of Thompson & Thompson is well known in the legal circles throughout this section of the state. From the beginning of his career as a lawyer Mr. Thompson has met with success, his deep research and thorough preparation of every case committed to his care enabling him to meet at once any contingency that may arise. His arguments are strong, clear, decided, and follow each other in natural sequence, forming a chain of reasoning that his opponents find difficult to overthrow. He is an active and ardent Republican, but has at all times refused to accept office, desiring rather to confine his entire attention to his legal practice.

In 1863 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Mary R. Wilkinson, whose death occurred in 1865, leaving one child, and in 1868 he married Elizabeth S. Lamb, the daughter of Judge Lamb, of Indianapolis. He ranks high at the bar of this section of the state, and Muncie numbers him among her influential and honored adopted sons.

**CALVIN S. WACHTELL.** For over seventy years Calvin S. Wachtell has traveled life's journey, and now, in the evening of a long, useful and honorable career, he is enjoying a well-earned rest, in a great measure relieved of the burdens of an active business life. He has been prominent in public life as well as in business circles, and is leaving the impress of his individuality for good upon many lines of progress and advancement in the city where he has so long made his home. He was born near Springfield, Ohio, December 1, 1837, a son of Jonathan and Permelia (Baxter) Watchell, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and the father was of German descent. In 1839 the family came to Muncie, where the father was engaged in the manufacture of chairs and furniture, and his active life was brought to a close in 1850, while his widow survived until 1891. Mr. Wachtell gave a lifelong support to Democratic principles, and both he and his wife were Presbyterians, they having been instrumental in founding the first church of that denomination in Muncie, in which he served as deacon and trustee.

Calvin S. Wachtell, the youngest of their six children, grew to years of maturity in this city, receiving his education in its early schools, and then learned the trade of harnessmaking. In 1874 he was elected the city clerk and auditor of Muncie, continuing in those offices for twelve years, but in the meantime, in 1879, he had embarked in his present business, dealing in

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wagons, harness, hardware, etc., and from a small beginning he has advanced its interests to its present large proportions. His is not only one of the largest business concerns in this city, but also one of the oldest, and to him belongs the distinction of being one of the oldest business men in Muncie. At the present time, however, his interests are ably looked after by his son, F. L. Wachtell, the senior Mr. Wachtell thus being relieved of many of his former cares. His interests in this city have been many and varied, and he is now serving as the president of the Muncie Lubricating Company, and is a director and one of the founders of the People's National Bank.

In 1862 Mr. Wachtell was united in marriage to Miss Susan L. Anderson, a daughter of John Anderson, of Niles township, Delaware county. Mr. Wachtell has long been numbered among the prominent and progressive citizens of Muncie and has been called to many offices of trust in financial and business circles. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and fraternally is a member of the order of Odd Fellows. The Christian church of Muncie numbers him among its valued members, and he has served as a clerk and deacon therein for many years.

JAMES W. MEEKS, the eldest son of Robert Meeks, one of the best-known and most prominent business men of this city and county, whose biography appears on another page, was born in Muncie on the 14th of December, 1849. After completing his education in the city schools he learned cabinetmaking under his father's efficient supervision, and when twenty-two years of age he became interested in the firm. From that time forward he has devoted his talents and energies to the building up of the business, which with the passing years has constantly developed both in volume and importance and has long been numbered among the leading business institutions of Delaware county.

Mr. Meeks married, in 1876, Miss Louesa C. Hummell, who was born in Connersville, Indiana, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Hummell. Their children are Amelia B., the wife of Ollie J. Campbell; Sarah M., now Mrs. Alfred C. Danks; and Robert H., who married Etta Payton. Mr. Meeks has membership relations with the Odd Fellows fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men, and is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of and an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as treasurer for fifteen years, and during a similar period has also been treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Northern Indiana conference.

ORLANDO JAY LOTZ. The name of Orlando J. Lotz is enduringly inscribed on the pages of Indiana's political history in connection with the records of her jurisprudence. His superior ability won him marked success, he was crowned with high judicial honors, and in business and private life he won that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He was one of Indiana's native sons, born on the 15th of January, 1852,

the eldest of nine children born to Jeremiah C. and Melissa (Schuff) Lotz. In 1861 the father received an appointment under Lincoln in the treasury department and took his son Orlando with him to Washington, where the lad attended the public schools for four years. The father still holds the appointment given him in 1861, being one of the oldest men in the service, and he has reached the age of eighty years.

In 1866 Mr. Orlando Lotz returned to his former home and entered the high school at Fort Recovery, Ohio, graduating therefrom in 1870. Two years later, in 1872, he began the study of law, and in 1874 graduated with the highest honors in the National Law School in Washington, D. C. His preparation was thorough and comprehensive, and the favorable judgment which was passed upon him in his early years was never set aside or in any degree modified during his career at the bar and on the bench. In 1885 he was appointed judge of the Forty-sixth judicial circuit by Governor Gray, and at the election two years later he was returned to the office, although a Democrat in a district with a Republican majority of twenty-five hundred, which speaks volumes for his ability and the high regard in which he was held by his fellow citizens. For eight years Mr. Lotz continued to discharge the duties of that office, and in 1892 was elected a member of the appellate court of Indiana, in which he served until January, 1897, when he resigned the office to resume his private practice of law at Muncie, as a member of the firm of Gregory, Silverburg & Lotz, thus continuing until his death on the 5th of February, 1902. He was a man of strong character and of great generosity and exemplary habits, and concerning his life there was never an evil report. He had a keen, analytical mind, quick to grasp and determine disputed questions, and his public opinions as preserved in the appellate court reports are logical and display deliberation and research, also showing a master mind in principles of law and equity. But death, untimely and unexpected, took from Delaware county one of its most prominent citizens, where he passed away in the prime of life, but left behind him a pure and noble record of honesty, industry and perseverance. A self-made man, in his efforts to reach the goal of his professional ambition he overcame the obstacles that lay in his path, and his high and splendid example has left a lasting impression upon the profession in which he won distinction and was universally esteemed.

Mrs. Lotz bore the maiden name of Amanda Inlow and is a native of Delaware county. Her father, Walter Inlow, was numbered among the honored early pioneers of the county, and Inlow Springs, which were found

Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1825, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Shideler) Mitchell, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in 1801 and the mother in 1802, and they were of Irish and German lineage respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in 1822, and in 1830 they removed from their native commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Miami county, Ohio, where the father followed agricultural pursuits and died in 1861. His widow afterward went to California, where at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. Carl, she passed away in death in 1866. In their family were the following children: John A., deceased; Harvey, whose name introduces this review; Isaac, deceased; Margaret, who married Wesley Carl; Shadrick; and David.

On his father's farm in Miami county, Ohio, Harvey Mitchell was reared to years of maturity, in the meantime receiving his educational training in the nearby log schoolhouse, and he taught and attended school alternately until his graduation from the academy at Troy, Ohio. For three years thereafter he pursued the study of medicine under a practicing physician, whence he took two courses of lectures in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and in 1850 located for the practice of his chosen profession at Granville, Delaware county. During the long period of fourteen years Dr. Mitchell successfully pursued the practice of medicine in that city, removing at the close of the period, in 1864, to Muncie, where he has ever since remained. About 1900, after half a century of activity, he retired from the profession because of advanced years and also on account of a broken hip. In these days of splendid highways who can recall what it meant to be a pioneer physician, riding far and near in all kinds of weather. On his patient, plodding horse the doctor often visited as many as sixty patients in a day, traversing the muddy roads on many a dark, stormy night, courageously bearing cheer and comfort to the distant patient.

On the 9th of October, 1853, at Granville, Indiana, Dr. Mitchell married Miss Catherine Ash, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, May 30, 1837, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Driscoll) Ash, both of whom were also born in Ohio, from whence they removed to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1853, and later to Illinois. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Sarah Florence, who died in 1866, aged eleven years, and Harriet B., the wife of Charles H. Anthony, of Muncie. They also have one grandchild, Harvey M. Anthony. Prior to the Civil war Dr. Mitchell allied his political interests with the Democracy, but since that time he has been identified with the Republican party. In his early life he became a member of the Christian church, but in later years has attended the Methodist Episcopal, of which his wife has long been a member.

JOHN W. DRAGOO, the secretary of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company, is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Delaware county. His grandfather, Peter Dragoo, was one of the first to take up his abode within its borders, coming from West Virginia in

1835 and entering from the government eighty acres of land in section 19, Perry township, Delaware county. There he lived for many years, and there his death finally occurred at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was born in West Virginia, but, as has been noted, came to Delaware county in a very early day in its history, when deer and other wild game roamed at will through its forests. Building him a little log cabin in the woods, he began life here in true pioneer style, and his time was thereafter devoted to clearing and cultivating his land. He married Martha Jones, and they became the parents of the following children: William, deceased; Lemuel, a farmer of Perry township, this county; John, who died during his service in the Civil war; Sarah, now Mrs. Winget, and a resident of Liberty township; Mary, Mrs. Kerns, of Monroe township, and Samuel J., on the old homestead farm. Mr. Peter Dragoo was a stanch and true pioneer, loved and honored by all who knew him, and he took an active part in the early history of his community.

William Dragoo, Sr., a son of this honored old Delaware county pioneer, was born in West Virginia in 1828, and was seven years of age at the time of the family's removal to Delaware county. He followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire business career, and his life's labors were ended in death in 1890. He married Amelia Gibson, who was born in 1833, and her father, Robert Gibson, was one of the early pioneers of Delaware county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo were born the following children: John W., whose name introduces this review; Laura B., now Mrs. Childs, and a resident of Benton township; Nancy J., Mrs. Clevenger, and a resident of Muncie. The Republican party received Mr. Dragoo's active support and coöperation, and he was a prominent and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Dragoo is yet living.

Mr. John W. Dragoo was born in Perry township on the 7th of May, 1858, and the educational training which he received in the district schools near his home was supplemented by attendance at the Muncie High school and the State Normal at Terre Haute. This excellent training was received by his own efforts, and after its completion he taught until his twenty-sixth year. During the seven years which followed he was employed at farm labor, and then again entered the schoolroom as a teacher, spending two years in the schools of Center township and seven years as principal of the Roosevelt school in Congerville. During the following fourteen months Mr. Dragoo was paying teller of the Merchants' Bank, and in September, 1899, was elected trustee of Center township, remaining as the incumbent of that position for four years. Previous to this time he had served his county as its assessor for one term. He is a Republican in his political affiliations. On the organization of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company in 1906 he was elected its president, his present position.

and is a member of the Methodist church, in which he is serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is also secretary of the Board of Children's Guardians, vice president of the Orphans' Home board and is a member of the town council of Riverside, where he resides.

The Western Reserve Life Insurance Company was incorporated July 27, 1906, as a mutual life insurance company, with twenty-one directors. It was later reorganized as a legal reserve company under the laws of Indiana, with the following officers: D. B. Campbell, president; J. W. Dragoo, secretary; D. A. McLain, treasurer; Dr. L. L. Ball, medical director, and H. H. Orr, attorney. Its capital is over one million dollars, and it has offices in the Wysor block.

ROBERT I. PATTERSON, one of the best-known men in Delaware county, prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic and in politics, is a native son of Indiana. He was born in the city of Muncie on the 28th of March, 1843. His father, Samuel R. Patterson, who was born in the state of Vermont on the 16th of September, 1816, came to Indiana when a young and unmarried man, locating in Delaware county, where he followed his trade of a tin and copper smith in Muncie. He was at one time a tin and stove merchant at Chicago, and also at Ottawa and other points in Illinois. When the Civil war was inaugurated Samuel R. Patterson was residing near Winchester, Indiana. He enlisted on the 16th of September, 1861, as a private in Company I, Thirty-sixth Indiana Infantry, and was in active service until after the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, where he received a severe wound and died from its effects in the United States general hospital at Jeffersonville, Indiana, September 24, 1864. He had married, November 15, 1839, Miss Jane Turner, who was born in Lexington, Kentucky, August 6, 1820, and is now, 1907, residing in Portland, Indiana. She is a daughter of Bevans and Percilla (Beswick) Turner, the former of whom was a native of Delaware and the latter of Maryland. They came to Indiana in 1823, first settling in Wayne county, but in the year of 1826 took up their abode in Delaware county, thus becoming numbered among its earliest pioneers. Unto Samuel R. and Jane Patterson were born the following children: Eliza, who married J. S. Martin; Robert I., the immediate subject of this review; Agnes, now Mrs. Elam Osborne; Electa, the wife of E. P. Thornburg; Charles T., who died when twenty-eight years of age; Sarah E., the widow of J. P. Edwards; Jennie, now Mrs. John P. Willis, and Lucinda B., Mrs. Reece Coulter.

Robert I. Patterson received a common-school education, and on the 29th of July, 1861, when but seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company E, Nineteenth Indiana Infantry, as a private, and after serving the term of his enlistment he reënlisted in the field for three years more. He was wounded at the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg, and at the latter was also taken prisoner. His services were with the celebrated Iron brigade, it being the First brigade, First division of the First army corps of the

Army of the Potomac, also the first brigade organized in the Union army, and the official records show that it sustained a greater loss in actual killed than any other. Mr. Patterson has an individual record of fourteen general engagements, besides the minor battles and skirmishes in which the brigade took part. On the 21st of March, 1864, he received an abdominal injury by being thrown from a railroad car, and in consequence was discharged September 9, 1864, as a corporal. The date of his reenlistment above referred to was December 31, 1863.

Mr. Patterson has long been active in Grand Army affairs. He is a charter member of Williams Post No. 78, department of Indiana, G. A. R., of which he has been post commander. He has also been honored by his comrades by an election to the office of senior vice commander, Department of Indiana, G. A. R. In the Indiana legislature of 1876-7 Mr. Patterson was a clerk in the lower house, and from the expiration of that period until 1883 he was a railroad postal clerk. On the 7th of February, 1882, he was appointed postmaster at Muncie, continuing in the office to the 5th of March, 1887, when he took up the pension agency, and in 1889 was admitted to practice in the interior department as a pension attorney. This work he has ever since continued. In 1902 he was the successful Republican candidate for clerk of the Delaware county circuit court, his term of office expiring on the 1st of January, 1908. Mr. Patterson is also the patentee of the "J. I. C." currycomb and a fruit jar fastener. But perhaps in all his varied attainments he is best known as a poet, many of his poems having been extensively published in newspapers and periodicals, while many of them have become well known through their rendition at national and state encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic and other occasions by his daughter Pearl, who has earned a wide reputation as an elocutionist.

In 1868 Mr. Patterson married Miss Mary E. LaFavour, who was born in Muncie, May 29, 1850, and they have reared the following named children: Arie Inez, the wife of Edwin H. Bath, a merchant of Muncie; J. Earl, deputy county clerk; and Pearl, the wife of W. R. Bean, of Streator, Illinois. Mr. Patterson is a member of the Senior Order of American Mechanics, and also affiliates with the Odd Fellows fraternity.

DR. WILLIAM A. SPURGEON, who for many years has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Muncie, Indiana, is one of the most talented members of the profession in the city, and has done as much to elevate the standard of the medical profession in the state as any other man. He was born at Salem, Washington county, Indiana, February 1, 1852. He is the eldest son of Wiley and Mary F. (McKinney) Spurgeon, both also

near Salem. He served under General Taylor in the Mexican war. He became prominent in the history of his locality in Indiana, holding many official positions of honor and trust. He has for many years been an active member and elder in the Christian church. His home, with his aged companion, is now (1908) on the farm near Becks Grove, Indiana, where they enjoy a competency gained by years of industry and economy.

The early years of the life of Dr. Spurgeon were spent on a farm. He attended the common schools near his home until sixteen years of age. During the following four years he was a student in the Clear Springs Academy, at Salem, Indiana, and at college in Bedford, Indiana. In 1871 he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. George H. Chute, of Freetown, Indiana. The following year he entered the Physio-Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio. After one college year in this institution he matriculated as a student in the Physio-Medical College of Indiana, from which he graduated in 1875. He returned to his former preceptor, entered into partnership with him, which relation continued until 1877. Soon after his graduation Dr. Spurgeon was elected to the chair of descriptive and surgical anatomy in the college from which he graduated. He continued a member of the faculty, delivering a course of lectures each year until 1893, when he resigned his professorship in order to devote more time to his practice. In April, 1880, Dr. Spurgeon located in the city of Muncie, Indiana, his present home. He very soon took high rank in the profession. He has been an active member of the Physio-Medical Association of Indiana since 1875, serving one year as its president and contributing largely to its literature. He is a member of the American Association of Physio-Medical Physicians and Surgeons and served as a delegate from that society to the World's Congress of Physicians and Surgeons which met in New York in 1891. He was selected as a delegate from the American Association to the International Congress of Physicians and Surgeons which met in Madrid, Spain, in 1905. He is also a member of the Indiana Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was appointed a member of the state board of medical registration and examination by Governor Mount in 1897, being twice reappointed to this position by Governors Durbin and Hanly, serving three years as vice president and three years as president of this body. He wrote the constitution and by-laws of the American Confederation of Examining Boards, and took active part in the organization of that body, which is made up of the state medical examining boards of the United States. For a number of years past he has served as president of this organization, in which position he now (1908) continues to serve.

For the most part the Doctor has given his political support to the Republican party. In 1886 he became actively identified with the prohibition movement and made a number of vigorous campaigns in the interest of that party. In 1888 he was its candidate for the legislature; in 1890 for the office of secretary of state. In 1892 he gave his political support to William McKinley and the Republican party, not being in sympathy with the free

silver doctrine of the Prohibition and Democratic parties. He is a forcible, fluent and dignified speaker whose honesty cannot fail to impress his hearers.

The doctor was married on August 29, 1872, to Miss Elvira Chute, daughter of his preceptor and partner. Of this union were born three sons and one daughter. The eldest son, George Wiley, and the second son, Alva Osten, died in infancy. The third son, Orville Elmer, and daughter, Mary Alice, are living in Muncie. The son, Dr. O. E. Spurgeon, is the junior member of the firm of Drs. Spurgeon and Spurgeon and is actively engaged in the practice of medicine. The daughter, Mary, is the wife of Dr. J. M. Quick, of Muncie. Mrs. Spurgeon died at Freetown in the summer of 1878. In the summer of 1883 Dr. Spurgeon was united in marriage to Miss Minerva A. Whitney, daughter of Lafayette Whitney, of Muncie. Of this union there were born five children, Nora June, Olive Fern, Kenneth Albertus, William Chase and Wiley Whitney, all now living in Muncie except the eldest daughter, Nora June, whose death occurred in the summer of 1905.

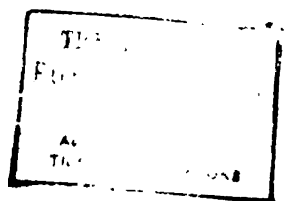
The doctor early united with the Christian church (Disciples), and has given much time to church work. He was ordained an elder in the First Christian church of Muncie, Indiana, in 1881. It was very largely due to Dr. Spurgeon's efforts that the present magnificent edifice of that denomination was erected in the city of Muncie, he being at the time president of the board of trustees and chairman of the building committee. He drafted the plans and superintended the construction of this splendid edifice.

**JOHN SEYMOUR ELLIS.** One of the most interesting of the prominent characters whose worth and merit have graced the history of Delaware county is to be found in the personnel of John S. Ellis, at this date one of the three commissioners of his county. He is genial and entertaining in manner, bright and keen of intellect, his writings are entertaining, and his education has been supplemented by extensive reading and a wide and varied experience.

The birth of Mr. Ellis occurred in Knox county, Ohio, August 15, 1839, his parents being Robert and Casander (Schweckard) Ellis. The father was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1796, and died in Delaware county, Indiana, in December, 1864. He was a son of William and Eleanor Ellis, the former of whom was a native of Montgomeryshire, Wales, and was a soldier in the Colonial army during the American revolution. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Ellis, John Schweckard, was of German lineage, and his daughter, the mother of Mr. Ellis, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1810, while her death occurred in Delaware county in 1865. With her husband she now lies buried in Beech Grove cemetery at



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abode in Hamilton township, from whence they removed to the township of Delaware, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Ellis was reared a Friend or Quaker, and the mother was for many years a worthy and acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He gave his political support to the Republican party. During his early life he followed the trade of a stone mason, but his later and the greater part of his life was devoted to farming. In their family were ten children, of whom one daughter died at the age of three years, while the remainder grew to manhood and womanhood.

When a little lad of ten years John Seymour Ellis accompanied his parents on their removal to Delaware county, Indiana, where he completed his educational training, and thereafter taught school for two terms. At the early age of thirteen years he began the battle of life for himself, and four years later he went to Iowa and engaged in herding cattle. One year later, when he had reached his eighteenth year, he took up carpentering, thus continuing for three years, and after his marriage, in 1860, he located two miles south of Muncie and resumed the work of his trade. About four years afterward he moved into Muncie, where for several years he held clerical positions with mercantile concerns, was also a traveling salesman for a time, served as deputy postmaster of Muncie, and has been prominently engaged in newspaper work. Mr. Ellis also served as a justice of the peace for four years, and in 1902 was elected to his present position as a commissioner of Delaware county, to which he was reelected in 1904, and is also vice president of the State Association of County Commissioners. The Republican party receives his active support and coöperation, and his fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, he having served as a member of the building committee during the erection of the Masonic Temple.

Mr. Ellis has been twice married, wedding first, on the 28th of August, 1860, Sina E. Rickard, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, April 20, 1842, and her death occurred in the city of Detroit, Michigan, July 3, 1895, leaving two children—Fred M., who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 3, 1870, and is now manager of a brewing company in Columbus, Ohio, and Charles H., who was born in Muncie, May 31, 1879, and is cashier of the People's National Bank of Muncie. December 17, 1896, Mr. Ellis married Mrs. Milla Sanders, the widow of John F. Sanders, an attorney of Muncie. She was born in this city, January 1, 1845, a daughter of William Barnes, who was one of the first residents of Muncie. His wife, Evaline (Watchell) Barnes, was also a member of a pioneer family.

As has been noted, Mr. Ellis is a writer of ability and note, and has contributed to the public much well-accepted poetry of various thought. He is the author of an interesting work entitled "Songs of St. Matthew," a metrical paraphrase of the gospel of St. Matthew. He is also the author of a condensed history of Delaware county, Indiana. He is bright and strong in his writings, and is a member of the Association of Western Writers.

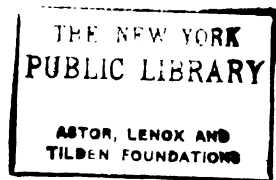
J. HARV. KOONTZ, prominently identified with the agricultural development of Delaware county, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, December 27, 1827. He obtained a good elementary education in the local public schools and later attended the academy. He is a son of Jacob and Debra (Combs) Koontz, both natives of Virginia.

Jacob Koontz, the youngest of a family of four children, was reared in Virginia, and emigrated to Ohio in 1820, settling at Brownsville, where he remained for about five years. Following this he moved to Fayette county, Indiana, and located at Alquina. He moved next to Henry county and in 1829 plotted the town of Middletown, which town developed into a prosperous and successful business community. Mr. Koontz was intimately connected with the industrial and material development of that section of the state until 1850, when he died as a result of the milk sickness, at that time so prevalent. The mother of our subject, after the death of Jacob Koontz, was married to William Doherty, of Ohio. To the first union were born the following children: Mary, Jane, Adison (deceased), B. Frank, Lorenzo D. and J. Harv., the subject of this sketch. To the latter marriage four children were born: Sarah, Mrs. Guthrie; Isabell; Debra, Mrs. Williams, and B. Frank.

J. Harv. Koontz remained at home until he reached the age of sixteen, when he decided to strike out for himself, and began chopping wood on the banks of the Ohio river. He had a great variety of experiences on the river, devoting himself to several different lines of work, and in 1871 settled upon the farm where he now resides.

His marriage occurred in 1855 to Miss Anna Brown, a daughter of John B. Brown, a pioneer settler of Delaware county. Her death occurred in 1856. In 1857 he was married for the second time to Miss Amanda E. Shinner, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, in 1840. She was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Shinner. To this second union five children were born. Through a long residence Mr. Koontz has become well known and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

HARV M. KOONTZ, secretary of the Muncie Trust Company and president of the Muncie police commission, is one of the best and most favorably known men in Delaware county, where he was born on the 14th of November, 1863, a son of J. Harv and Amanda (Shimer) Koontz, among the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Mount Pleasant township. There they have spent many years of their active and useful lives, and the father is not only well and prominently known but is also a successful farmer and an





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diana. Returning thence to his home, he accepted the position of deputy county auditor in 1886, a position he held for one year, and after an intermission of short duration he was again made the deputy in this office, where he remained for about one year more. Mr. Koontz was then variously employed for several years, during which time he was in the abstract and insurance business for a period and was also connected with the Merchants' National Bank for one and a half years. In 1901, when the Muncie Trust Company was organized, he was elected secretary of the organization, and has since been the incumbent of the position. During Mayor Sheritt's administration he served as city comptroller for one and a half years. In politics he has long been active as a Republican, and for two years was chairman of the county central committee, serving well his fellow men whether in political or professional life. His fraternal relations connect him with the order of Knights of Pythias. In 1888 Mr. Koontz married Miss Wynona Long.

JOSEPH A. GODDARD is an honored soldier of the Civil war and a man who for a number of years has held a representative place among the leading business men of Muncie. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, December 17, 1840, his parents being John Henry and Ann (Wilson) Goddard, both natives of England. They left their native land during their childhood days, coming to America, the mother with her parents and the father came when a boy alone, and for a time after his arrival, the father resided in Buffalo, New York, removing thence to Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. The mother died in 1847, aged thirty-seven. The father's labors were ended in death in 1882, aged seventy-one years.

Joseph A. Goddard attended the public schools in his native state of Ohio until his thirteenth year, when he laid aside his text books and entered upon a six years' apprenticeship at the printer's trade in Ravenna, that state, but after two years gave up the idea of becoming a printer and instead was employed at farm labor until 1858. In that year he went to Cincinnati and entered his uncle's wholesale grocery store, with whom he remained until 1862, when, believing that his country needed his services and putting aside all personal considerations he entered the Fourth Ohio Cavalry as a private soldier. He was promoted and commissioned after six months' service in the ranks, as second lieutenant, first lieutenant and then captain, and was assigned to Company D, the same regiment, on detached service. He continued as a soldier throughout the entire campaign, serving with the Army of the Cumberland and participating in many of the historic battles of the war, including those of Chickamauga and Nashville. In January, 1864, he was made staff quartermaster and aide on General Elliott's staff cavalry

and his military career is one of which he may be justly proud, covering as it does a long period of arduous service in his country's cause.

Returning to his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Goddard was there connected with the wholesale grocery trade until his removal to Muncie, Indiana, in 1874, where he began in the retail grocery business in a small way, becoming a member of the firm of Adamson & Goddard. This partnership continued until 1881, when Mr. Adamson took the retail department and Mr. Goddard the wholesale, the latter carrying on business in a little store on South Walnut street between Main and Jackson. With the passing years his trade grew in volume and importance until it became necessary to enlarge its scope. He built and occupied the building southeast corner Walnut and Adams streets. This building becoming too small for his increasing business he removed to Mulberry and Charles streets. In 1905 the magnificent and commodious building on Seymour street which he now occupies was erected. To him has come the attainment of a distinguished position in connection with the business interests of the city. His is truly a successful life, but the success which he has achieved is but the reward of labor and integrity in business.

In 1866 occurred the marriage of Mr. Goddard and Miss Mary Hough, she being a daughter of William Hough, an honored pioneer of Wayne county, Indiana. They have become the parents of three children, one son, William H., who is now in business with his father, and two daughters, Grace and Anna, the former being the wife of C. M. Rich, of Muncie. The family is connected with the Society of Friends, of which Mrs. Goddard is a lifelong member. Mr. Goddard is a member of Williams Post, G. A. R., and the Loyal Legion.

JOHN ROLLIN MARSH, secretary and chief engineer for the Indiana Bridge Company, began his business career in the employ of this firm August 1, 1887, as a civil engineer, and not long afterward was promoted to the position of chief engineer and later to the secretaryship also. He was born in Muncie, Indiana, January 13, 1863, his parents being John and Mary (Mitchell) Marsh. Mr. Marsh, the father, was born in Preble county, Ohio, August 22, 1811, and in his veins mingled the blood of the Anglo-Saxon with that of the Teutonic race. His father, Timothy Marsh, was the son of John Marsh, who came to this country from England and settled in what is now Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, afterward serving in the American army throughout the Revolution. The mother of John Marsh bore the maiden name of Mary Clawson, and was born near the mouth of the Little Miami river, August 22, 1778, and is said to have been the first white child born in the territory of Ohio. She died at the age of ninety years, at the home of her son, Searing Marsh, near Logansport, Indiana, September 15, 1877. Her father was John Clawson, a German, who settled first in Kentucky and afterward in Ohio. He too took part in the American war for independence, and was noted for his sterling character.

John Marsh, the father of John Rollin, was reared under the pioneer conditions of the early days, and therefore obtained but a limited educational training. At the age of seventeen he went to Eaton, Ohio, and served as an apprentice of five years at the hatter's trade, while later he began his career as a business man at Camden, Ohio, as a hatter. He continued there with success up to 1847, when he entered the dry goods trade, and one year later was elected the treasurer of Preble county. He held the office by re-election for three terms, and in the fall of 1854 removed to Wayne county, Indiana, and became president of the Cambridge City Bank. In 1856 Mr. Marsh became a citizen of Muncie, and at the same time organized the Muncie branch of the State Bank of Indiana, becoming its president. In 1865 this institution was converted into the Muncie National Bank, and he remained its president until 1874, when he sold his interest and retired from business. It was only a short time, however, until he was induced by his friends to organize the Citizens' Bank, in November of the same year, which institution was on the 10th of March, 1875, converted into the Citizens' National Bank, and being given his choice of positions he became its cashier, a position he held up to the time of his death, in 1887. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party, and his views were ever afterward in accord with the principles set forth by this party. He became a Master Mason in 1838, and rose to the rank of a Knight Templar, being always active in the order. In 1854 he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and at the time of his death he had been for years a trustee of the organization. Mr. Marsh was twice married. On the 25th of May, 1835, he married Margaret, the daughter of Nathan and Jane (Carr) Mitchell, both natives of Maryland and pioneers of Ohio. Four children were born of this union, and the mother died of cholera in 1849. August 29, 1854, Mr. Marsh married for his second wife Mrs. Mary Mutchner, nee Mitchell, who also bore him four children. She died in 1899. He was well informed, an excellent business man, a public spirited citizen, honest in his dealings, and kind and faithful as a friend, husband and father.

At the time of accepting a position with his present firm John R. Marsh had just graduated from the School of Mines, Columbia College, New York, as a mining engineer, in 1887, having pursued a four years' course. Previous to this, in 1879, he had graduated from the Muncie high school. After leaving the high school as a graduate he accepted the position of deputy clerk of the Delaware county circuit court, while later he became deputy county recorder, in both of which positions he served several terms under different officers, proving himself a very efficient and capable assistant. In his present position of secretary and chief engineer of the Indiana Bridge Company, he has attained a thorough and intricate knowledge of civil engineering, having few equals in this line in the entire state, and he is well and favorably known among experts in his profession.

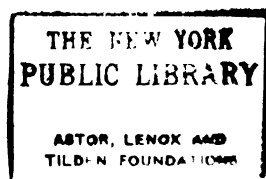
On the 5th of August, 1889, Mr. Marsh married Miss Susie Ryan, daughter of John W. and Lida (Jenkins) Ryan, of Muncie. Both he and

his wife are members of the Episcopal church, and in politics he is a Republican. He was for some years a member of the "Library Board," and was secretary of the committee that had charge of the building of the elegant library building. He was also a member of the board of park commissioners at the time that Mr. McCulloch donated the McCulloch Park, and it was this board that developed the park and made all the improvements that have been made to the present time.

ROBERT MEEKS. Deeds are thoughts crystallized, and according to their brilliancy do we judge the worth of a man to the country which produced him, and in his works we expect to find the true index to his character. The study of the life of the representative American never fails to offer much of pleasing interest and valuable instruction, developing a mastering of expedients which has brought about most wonderful results. Mr. Meeks was long prominently identified with the business interests of Muncie and Delaware county, and while his varied affairs brought him success, they also advanced the general welfare by accelerating commercial activity.

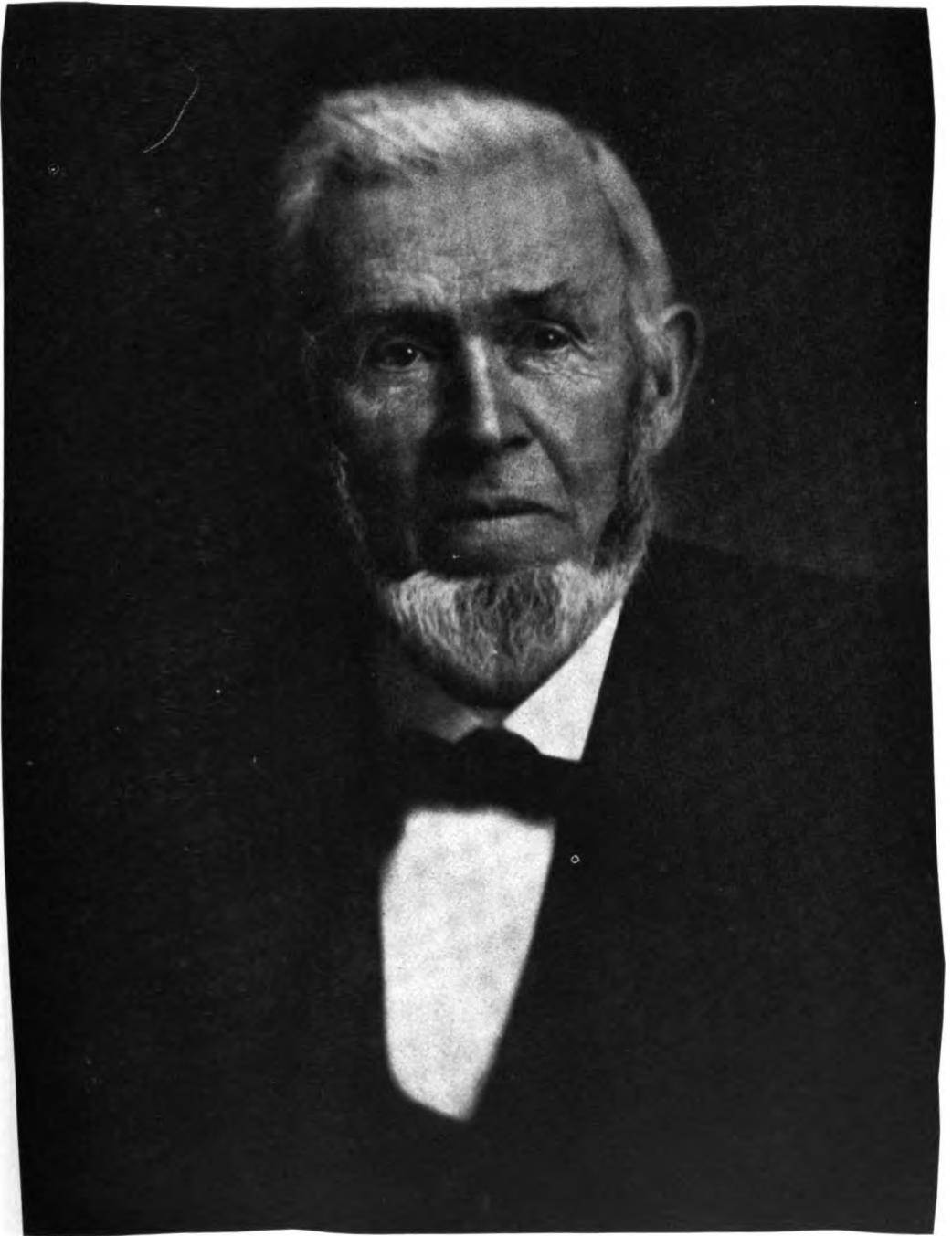
Among the many worthy characters whose careers have graced the history of Delaware county there is none more deserving of mention than the late Robert Meeks. He was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, July 8, 1822, and when seventeen years of age came to Delaware county with his parents, Amos and Nancy (Means) Meeks, who were also born in West Virginia. In a wagon drawn by four horses they came all the way to Indiana in 1839, locating three miles north of what is now Parker City, in the dense forest, where they set about to erect a log cabin and to clear a farm. In this task the father was assisted by his son Robert, the eldest of the family, which consisted of eight sons, seven daughters and a son and daughter by the father's second marriage.

During the five years succeeding the arrival of the family in Delaware county Robert remained with his parents on the farm, and then having arrived at the age of twenty-one years he began the battle of life for himself. Leaving the parental home with but a limited education, for only such had been afforded him in those early pioneer days, he began to serve an apprenticeship at cabinet-making with Nottingham & Swain, of Muncie. During the first year he received no wages, only his board, but he soon mastered his trade and was drawing a wage. Saving his earnings, he was able in 1846 to buy an interest in the firm, for which he paid four hundred and fifty dollars. His brother Isaac also served an apprenticeship with the same firm and eventually, in the latter part of 1846, the two brothers became the sole owners of the business, the firm name being R. & I. Meeks. This style was continued for a series of years or to about 1871, when James W. Meeks, eldest son of Robert, secured an interest, the name then becoming R. & I. Meeks & Company. At this time a two-story brick building was erected on the southeast corner of Elm and Washington streets, in which were installed an engine, boiler and the latest improved



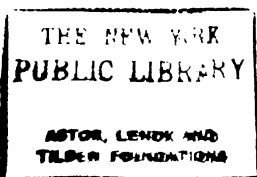


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machinery, and the making of furniture was begun. The factory was continued with success up to 1890, when it was destroyed by fire, and although it was never rebuilt the firm continued dealing in furniture and as undertakers. In 1880 two other sons of Robert, William A. and Martin L. Meeks, joined the firm. Isaac Meeks retained his interest therein until a few months prior to his death on January 16, 1891, and the style of the firm was later changed to R. Meeks & Sons, the present style. On the 2d of January, 1892, Mr. Robert Meeks accidentally fell and broke his leg and hip, and from that time forward he was not active in the firm, his death occurring on the 24th of February, 1906, when in his eighty-fourth year. He was familiarly known as Uncle Robert, and was universally loved and respected. His business career was both long and useful, and in all his dealings he manifested a fairness that won for him the confidence of all alike. He led a quiet and unpretentious life, characterized by fidelity not only to his friends and family, but also to the public.

In 1846 Mr. Meeks married Miss Sarah, the daughter of Jacob and Beersheba Jones, natives of West Virginia, where their daughter was also born in 1827, and was eleven years of age when her parents came to Delaware county. Unto Robert Meeks and his wife were born four sons: James W., William A., Martin L. and Jacob Arthur, all of whom are numbered among the most prominent business men of Muncie, and the three eldest now constitute the firm of R. Meeks & Sons. Mrs. Meeks survives her husband, and is now past eighty years of age. She is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Meeks affiliated with the Odd Fellows' order and was a stanch Prohibitionist. On the 5th of March following his death Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meeks would have celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. They had arranged to commemorate the event by having a grand reunion of family, relatives and friends.

FRANK ELLIS, an attorney in Muncie, Indiana, and well known in professional circles throughout the community, was born in Delaware county, February 12, 1842, a son of John H. and Phebe (Kirkpatrick) Ellis, both natives of Ohio, the former of Greene and the latter of Clark county, and both became early residents of Delaware county, Indiana. The mother was but a child when she came with her parents in the '30s, while the husband and father dated his arrival about 1835, becoming one of its leading contractors and builders, and his death occurred during the battle of Chickamauga in 1863. At the breaking out of the Civil war he organized Company B, Eighty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made the captain, and he was called upon to lay down his life on the altar of his country.

After getting some education in the public schools of Delaware county Frank Ellis learned the printer's trade and also taught school. In 1862 he entered his father's company for service in the Civil war, participating in the entire campaign of three years, and was mustered out in June, 1865. He

took part in all the engagements of his regiment, among which were Chickamauga, Franklin, Nashville, the campaign against Hood and the Atlanta campaign. During his army service, in October, 1864, he was elected the treasurer of Delaware county, reaching home in time to enter upon his duties in August, 1865, and in 1866 he was re-elected to the office. On the expiration of his four years' term in the treasurers' office Mr. Ellis entered the mercantile business as a grain and lumber merchant. During his boyhood days he had read law, and on retiring from his mercantile venture he resumed its study and was admitted to the bar, and immediately afterward he began practice in Muncie. From 1883 for twenty years he was in partnership with John T. Walterhouse. From 1882 until Mr. Lotz's promotion to the bench he was associated in practice with Judge Lotz, the firm name being Lotz & Ellis. Since retiring from partnership with Mr. Walterhouse he has practiced alone. He has been connected with many important litigations, his practice reaching into the higher courts of the state. His activity in political lines has brought him repeatedly before the public, and for two terms he served as a member of the city council, while for four terms he was the mayor of Muncie and for two terms was the city attorney. At the present time he is serving as a United States commissioner, which position he has held for eight years.

In 1870 Mr. Ellis was united in marriage to Mary E. Martindale, a native of Delaware county and a daughter of Benjamin F. Martindale, one of its earliest pioneers. Two daughters have been born of this union, Elizabeth, the wife of W. M. Myers, of Terre Haute, Indiana, and Ethel Joy. Mr. Ellis is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Williams Post, of the Sons of Veterans, of Muncie Lodge, No. 433, of the Masonic order, and of the Chapter and Commandery, and is one of the oldest members of the Odd Fellows' fraternity in the city, having joined the order in 1865.

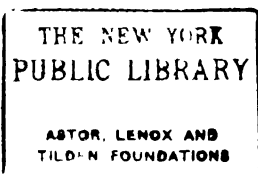
J. H. SMITH. It was in July of the year 1885 that Mr. J. H. Smith transferred his residence and business, conducted under the name of J. H. Smith & Company, from Bluffton, Indiana, where he had lived for fifteen years, to Muncie, and engaged in the manufacture of carriage woodwork. The business, however, has since been incorporated with the Pioneer Pole & Shaft Company, of which Mr. Smith is the largest stockholder and the vice-president. The consolidation occurred in 1903, and the plant at Muncie is now one of eleven.

Mr. Smith was reared at Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he was born on the 23d of April, 1843, a son of Andrew and Margaret (Horner) Smith, both of whom were born in Germany. They left their native land when children and were married in this country, the father for years serving as a hotel proprietor of Freedom, and there both he and his wife died. In their family were two sons and a daughter. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Smith married a Mr. Hartley, by whom she had three sons and a daughter.

Mr. J. H. Smith was but two years of age when his father died, and



*J. Smith*



he has made his own way in the world from an early age. The educational training which he received in the common schools of Freedom was supplemented by attendance at a night school in Economy, Pennsylvania, and later he pursued a commercial course in bookkeeping at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. During the intervening period from his fourteenth to his eighteenth year he had learned coopering, and at the age of nineteen years he began the manufacture of oil barrels at Freedom. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted in Company A, Seventeenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, as a private, and was mustered out of the service on the 7th of August, 1865, after a long and arduous career in the service of the Union cause. Among the many engagements in which he participated may be mentioned those of Cold Harbor, Hanover Court House, Travelian Station, Winchester (September 19, 1864), Cedar Creek, Sailor Creek, and was at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House. Mr. Smith now holds membership relations with Williams Post, No. 78, G. A. R., of Muncie.

Returning home to Freedom, Pennsylvania, from the war he resumed the making of barrels and in 1870 came to Bluffton, Indiana, where he continued the business.

In 1867 he married Catherine Schaufelberger, who was born and reared in Freedom, and they have had five children, namely: Lillian Elizabeth, now Mrs. Lone Franklin, of Muncie; Bertha Louise, now Mrs. J. H. Love, Jr., of New York city; Margaret Winnifred, who became the wife of J. Edgar Johnson, of Muncie, and died leaving two children; Xena Young Smith, a physician of Indianapolis; and Huda May, the wife of Lloyd Kimbrough, of Muncie. Mr. Smith is a Thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Knight Templars, the Mystic Shrine and Murat Temple of Indianapolis. He is also a member of the Commercial Club of Muncie, in which he holds the office of director.

**JAMES CHARMAN.** Among the citizens of Muncie to whom has been yielded an honored retirement from labor after many years of business activity is numbered James Charman. He has been a resident of this city for many years, being numbered among its earliest pioneers, and through an extended period he was prominently identified with its business interests. His birth occurred in Surry, England, on the Wesley farm, September 22, 1831, his parents being Arthur and Rebecca (Garton) Charman, both of whom were also born in the mother country of England, the father on the 23d of September, 1784, and the mother July 22, 1805. They were married at St. Paul's church at Convent Garden, London, June 23, 1823, and became the parents of the following children: Richard Garton, John, Thomas, James, Arthur, Frederick, Sarah Jane, George, Edward Ross, Ann, Louisa Emily and Joseph Albert, all of whom are deceased with the exception of James and Sarah Jane. In November of 1848 the family set sail for America, and after their arrival in this country located first at Centerville, Wayne county, Indiana, from whence they removed to Anderson,

Indiana, about 1862, and in 1877 came to Muncie. Mr. Charman had followed agricultural pursuits in England, but after coming to America he was not active in business owing to advanced age. His death occurred in this city on the 11th of May, 1880, when he had reached the age of ninety-five years, and his wife passed away in death November 20, 1887. They were members of the Christian church at Anderson, Indiana, and were people of sterling worth and true nobility of character.

James Charman accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States and in their subsequent removals. During his two years' residence in Richmond, Indiana, he followed his trade of a baker, and removing to Muncie in the spring of 1853 he resumed the work of his trade here. In time he became the proprietor of one of the leading bakery and grocery houses in the city, and continued actively in business up to 1890, when he laid aside the active cares of life and has since lived in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Charman married, May 9, 1874, Caroline Rodman, born in Preble county, Ohio, March 29, 1842, a daughter of Job and Catherine (Williamson) Rodman, who claimed Pennsylvania as the commonwealth of their nativity, and they were respectively of Irish and Scotch descent. They came to Indiana in the year of 1848, locating in Muncie, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a gardener. In their family were ten children, namely: Samuel S., Mary Ann, Hannah, Joseph, Charles F., Edward, Hannah C., Elizabeth Ellen, Caroline and Francis Henry. Hannah C., Caroline and Francis Henry are the only surviving members of this once large family. Mr. Charman has been twice married, wedding on the 20th of February, 1852, Mary Ann Rodman, who died in 1873, without issue. In 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Charman adopted a daughter, May, now the wife of John McPhee, an attorney. Since the early age of twenty-one years Mr. Charman has affiliated with the order of Odd Fellows, joining the fraternity in February, 1853. During his early years he voted with the Whigs, casting his first ballot for General Scott, but since the organization of the Republican party he has been a member of its ranks, and in the early '60s he was a member of the city council of Muncie. Both he and his wife are members of the Universalist church. Her parents were Quakers.

AUGUST BRAUN is the genial and successful proprietor of the Braun Hotel, of Muncie. He was born in the state of New York, near the village of Cohecton, Sullivan county, on the 26th of June, 1871. He is the only son of Andrew and Anna (Klopfer) Braun, and has but one sister, Miss Mary Braun. His parents are of German stock, both having been born in

Young Braun had attended the common schools in his native state, and after coming to this city he resumed his studies, while later he entered the Muncie Business College to pursue a course in bookkeeping and stenography. But he never followed either of the callings, for in the meantime his parents had entered the hotel business and required his assistance. The Braun Hotel was originally known as the Abbott House, it having been established in the '50s, and was an eight-room, frame building on the corner of Mulberry and Washington streets. In September, 1885, Mr. Braun, Sr., became the proprietor, and the name was then changed to the Braun Hotel. From the beginning the hostelry has been a success, so much so that nine years after taking charge an addition to the building was necessary to accommodate the largely increased patronage, while in the year of 1894 a brick addition was erected just to the east and joining the original frame. A larger and handsomer dining room was thus added, as well as several sleeping rooms, the addition being three stories high. In 1897 another addition was built to the north of the original frame. This was also a three-story brick, and was another decided improvement to the hotel. In 1899 a third improvement was made in the erection of a two-story brick for the purpose of a kitchen, power and steam plant. This addition was built to the north of the first and east of the second addition. The original frame was not torn down until 1903, when it was replaced by a four-story brick so as to connect all the additions in one building of modern convenience, containing seventy-two guest rooms, a large and handsome office or lobby, together with a writing room, basement and other arrangements, easily rendering the hotel one of the best and most conveniently arranged in the state. The Braun Hotel has more than a state reputation for being a splendid hostelry. Its success, however, has been largely due to the mother of Mr. Braun. In an early day she was the splendid cook that gave the hotel its enviable reputation for fine meals and cleanliness. Her son has for many years been the proprietor, but she has been of inestimable aid to him in making it one of the most successful hotels of Indiana.

Mr. August Braun is well and favorably known in hotel circles and by the traveling public. He is regarded as an enterprising and thorough-going business man. In political matters he has never taken an active interest, but casts his ballot in the interests of the men and measures of the Republican party. He sustains prominent relations in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic fraternity. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason and also a member of the Mystic Shrine.

While Mr. Braun is interested in Muncie real estate and also holds

JOHN BIRKENSTOCK. Although his residence in Muncie does not cover an extended period of time John Birkenstock has become well and favorably known here because of his genial spirit and active interest in the progress of the city. The title of Colonel, given him by friends because of his affiliations with certain organizations among the brewers in Philadelphia when on several occasions of public receptions and parades he served his associates as their leader, is not wholly undeserved, for he served with gallantry in the Civil war. He enlisted in the early part of 1864, as a private in Company D, Forty-sixth New York Infantry, and participated in seventeen engagements, having been mustered out of the service in August, 1865. Since 1879 he has been a member of the E. D. Baker Post, No. 8, G. A. R., of Philadelphia.

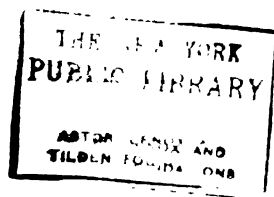
John Birkenstock was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, October 12, 1845. His parents were Martin and Marie (Ackerman) Birkenstock. The former, who was a dry goods merchant and also a judge of and dealer in wines, was three times married and was the father of seventeen children. He died in Germany when seventy-five years of age. He was of strong and sturdy build and a successful business man. The mother came to America after her husband's death, and died in Milwaukee at the age of eighty-six years.

In the schools of his native land of Germany John Birkenstock received his educational training, and at the age of fourteen years he came alone to the United States, making the voyage on a sailing vessel to the New York harbor, from whence he went to Philadelphia, where at the time he had seven sisters and a brother living. There he made his home until 1891, first working as a maker of the bodies of carriages, later at the cooper's trade, and finally entered upon his career as a brewer. During this time he drew an annual salary of five thousand dollars. In 1891 he went to Allentown, Pennsylvania, and rebuilt a brewery, but this did not prove a success, and in 1897, in company with Mr. Fred Horlacher, he built at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and this brewery was operated until 1902, when Mr. Birkenstock sold his interest and came to Muncie, here organizing the Muncie Brewing Company, and the venture has proved very successful.

In Philadelphia, in 1868, he married Miss Elizabeth Scholl, who was born in the famous William Penn house, which has since been torn down and rebuilt in Fairmont Park, Philadelphia. It was the first brick house built in America, erected of English brick. When Fort Sumter was fired upon by the Confederacy she with her parents was living in Charlestown, South Carolina, and on account of the family's sympathy with the Union they found it well to remove to Savannah, Georgia. Here she carried food



*John. Birkenstock*



enstock is a member of Kenington Lodge No. 211, A. F. & A. M., Philadelphia; the Royal Arch Chapter No. 233, Philadelphia; Commandery No. 20, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Mystic Shrine, Lulu Temple, Philadelphia.

**ROLLIN WARNER.** During a number of years past Rollin Warner has practiced at the bar of Delaware county. He was born in Blountsville, Henry county, Indiana, April 18, 1856, a son of Eli and Emily (Burch) Warner, natives of Vermont and New York respectively. In about 1850 they established their home in Blountsville, where for more than twenty years the father was engaged in mercantile pursuits. His busy and useful life was ended in death in 1871, when he had reached the age of fifty-one years, and Mrs. Warner lived to be sixty-nine years old, dying in 1898.

Mr. Rollin Warner spent the period of his youth in his native town of Blountsville, receiving his rudimentary education in its public school, and completing his literary training at the National Normal School of Lebanon, Ohio. During a brief period thereafter he taught school, but deciding upon the profession of the law as a life work he left the school room to prepare himself for his chosen calling, first studying in the office of Monks & Thompson, at Winchester, Indiana. In 1879 he was admitted to the bar in Henry, Randolph and Delaware counties, and at once entered upon the practice of law in Newcastle, where he remained for a period of ten years, removing at the close of that period, in 1889, to Muncie, which has since been his home and the scene of his activities.

Mr. Warner has never been active in politics as a seeker for office, but has contributed much of his time and ability as a speaker to the interests of the men and measures of the Republican party. For several years he served as the city attorney of Muncie, and the records indicate that his services were of ability in that position.

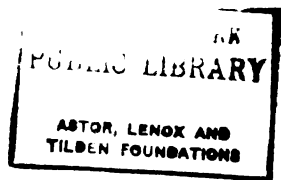
In October, 1879, Mr. Warner married Miss Mary V. Cecil, and they have six children.

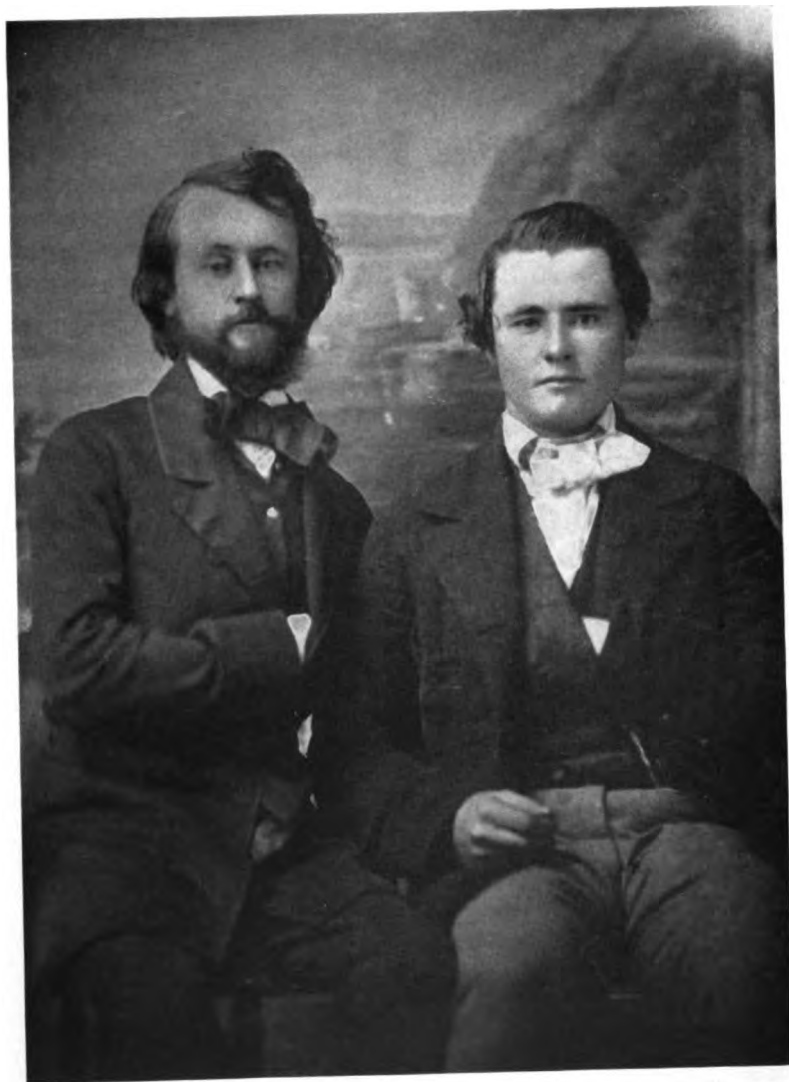
**FRED KLOPPER.** "We build the ladder by which we rise" is a truth which is certainly applicable to Mr. Fred Klopfer, for he has been distinctively the architect of his own fortunes, but has builded wisely and well and has made for himself a place in connection with the activities of life. Muncie, as well as Delaware county, has long numbered him among its leading business men.

Mr. Klopfer is a native born German, his birth occurring in Wurtemberg on the 21st of July, 1846, and in the fatherland his parents, Johannes and Katherine (Young) Klopfer, were born, lived and died. They sent their son to the public schools until he had reached the age at which children of his native country are excused under the compulsory school law from further attendance, and when scarcely more than thirteen years of age his father bound him out to learn the trade of a wood worker at carriage making. He served an apprenticeship of three years at the trade, working

fourteen hours each day, without pay, and more than that his father had been required to pay the sum of one hundred dollars to the carriage maker to whom he was apprenticed. After the money had been paid the father said to his son, "This is all the money I ever intend to spend on you." With this understanding and under these conditions the youth began to learn his trade. By means of odd night jobs he managed to earn the means with which to clothe himself, and board was given him by the gentleman to whom he was apprenticed. For three years he thus battled earnestly to learn his trade, and having served the required time of indenture he was given a journeyman's certificate and the following three years were spent as a journeyman at his trade in Germany. Coming to the United States in 1866, Mr. Klopfer landed in New York city on the 11th of July, and on the following day legally declared his intention to become an American citizen. It was at Tiffin, Ohio, in the year 1868, that he became a citizen of this country, with all the rights and privileges as such.

The first sixteen months Mr. Klopfer spent in this country were devoted to his trade in the city of New York, and during that time he had the opportunity to gain a thorough knowledge and training in the making of coaches, express wagons and heavy vehicles of similar kinds. In the latter part of 1867 he went to Tiffin, Ohio, and worked there until the spring of 1869, when he visited New York city for a short time, but desiring to learn the making of sleighs or cutters, went to the city of Milwaukee, where many of them were then manufactured. He remained there and worked at his trade from April 26, 1869, to the 27th of January, 1873, the date of his arrival in the city of Muncie. He has ever since continued his residence here, and during the first three months he was in the employ of the carriage and wagon firm of Bower & Gaston, Mr. Gaston being an old friend and fellow workman in Milwaukee, and who later sold to him his interest with Mr. Bower, the style of the firm becoming Bower & Klopfer, which continued for nearly eight years or until the 1st of January, 1881, when Mr. Klopfer sold his interest to his partner. Immediately afterward he began the erection of a business house at the southeast corner of East Main and Jefferson streets, in which he established his present business, that of carriage building, together with the making of all kinds of vehicles, including phaetons, runabouts, express and other wagons for the local trade. In 1897 he erected a building immediately south of the one above mentioned, where he has since carried on his extensive business. In his line Mr. Klopfer is the largest manufacturer and dealer in the city of Muncie. He began his business career on a very limited capital, the result of his own earnings working for daily wages, and to-day he is one of the most prosperous business men of Delaware county, but his success has resulted from honest dealing, industrious habits, first-class workmanship and excellent management. He is a stockholder in both the Merchants' National Bank and the Muncie Trust Company, also a director of each, and the vice-president of the former.





James M. Labortaux  
Isaac N. Labortaux

Mr. Klopfer married Clarrie S. Hummell in 1884, and they have one living child, Caroline. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a Thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Commercial Club of Muncie.

JAMES M. LABOYTEAUX is numbered among the prominent business men and farmers of Center township. Although he has resided within its borders for many years and has been prominently identified with its interests, he is a native son of Ohio, born in Hamilton county, December 15, 1833, a son of Peter and Phoebe (Davis) Laboyteaux. They were born in New Jersey, Peter, November 29, 1792, and Phoebe, September 26, 1800, but moved to Ohio in 1808, the family making the trip to the northwestern wilderness down the Ohio river in a keel boat. The maternal grandfather, Joshua Davis, was a slave holder in New Jersey, and when he removed to Ohio entered land which is now included in the site of the city of Middletown, Butler county, there establishing his home and passing the remainder of his life, although after entering this tract he returned for a time to his New Jersey home. His name is among the honored patriots of the Revolution, as is also that of the paternal grandfather of Mr. Laboyteaux, who sacrificed his life to the patriots' cause. Seven children were born to Peter and Phoebe Davis Laboyteaux, but two of the number died in infancy, Lucinda passed away in early life, and Evaline, Hannah and Isaac are now deceased, leaving James M. the only surviving child. Peter Laboyteaux learned the tailor's trade, which was his business for some time, and later engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was classed among the pioneers of Mount Healthy, Hamilton county, Ohio. His death, however, occurred in New Castle, Indiana, October 16, 1872, where he had resided but a short time, and his wife spent her last days in Ohio, where she died December 26, 1885.

At the outbreak of the Civil war James M. Laboyteaux was living in Butler county, and in September, 1861, enlisted for service in the Union cause, joining Company C, Sixty-ninth Volunteer Ohio Infantry. After serving for two years he re-enlisted in the same command at Chattanooga, and, as a brave and loyal soldier, subsequently participated in the battles of Stone's River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and other hard-fought and sanguinary engagements. He also marched with Sherman to the sea, and was a unit of the grand armies of the north which composed the historic review at Washington. He was discharged as an orderly of General Buell.

At the conclusion of his military service Mr. Laboyteaux returned to his home in New Castle, and a short time thereafter went to Huntsville, Alabama, but has been a continuous resident of Hamilton and Center townships. In 1901 he located on the estate which he now occupies, located two and a half miles north of Muncie. Mr. Laboyteaux's wife was formerly Huldah Mullen, the three children born to them being all deceased. In politics he is a Republican, and has always generously supported local enter-

prises of a public and charitable nature, one of the latest marks of his generosity in this regard being his donation of ten thousand dollars for the founding of a Delaware county (Indiana) hospital.

THOMAS W. WARNER, although numbered among the younger representatives of the industrial interests of Muncie, is one of its most prominent business men, whose enterprise and excellent ability have not only promoted his individual prosperity but has advanced the public welfare. As the organizer of the Warner Electric Company he is well known in business circles, and his connection with the Warner Gear Company has also placed his name high on the roll of the leading men of affairs of Delaware county.

Mr. Thomas W. Warner was born in Shelbyville, Tennessee, September 13, 1874, a son of Thomas W. and Emma R. (Trail) Warner, both of whom also had their nativity in that commonwealth. He was reared and educated in his native town or city, and from an early age has had to depend upon his own resources for his success in life. In Cincinnati he served for several years as the manager of the Cincinnati Electric Light Plant, and it was there that he gained his first and his thorough knowledge of that form of business, while later he was in the electric business in the west. He came from Montana to Muncie in 1897, and here organized the Warner Electric Company, furnishers of electrical specialties and telephone apparatus, and in the large plant erected for this purpose employment is furnished to about twenty operatives. This is the only concern of its kind in Muncie, and the enterprise has had a wonderful growth from its inception. In 1902 Mr. Warner organized the Warner Gear Company, the product of which are automobile parts or steering and transmission gear for automobiles. He is the manager of this large corporation. The business, which was begun on a limited capital and in a small way, has grown to extensive proportions and now furnishes employment to about two hundred and twenty-five people, mostly skilled laborers. Their payroll is therefore very large.

Mr. Warner married, in 1897, Miss Nettie Moore. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and also holds membership relations with the Knights of Pythias order, and with the First Baptist church of Muncie. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a man of business, and has been the promoter of many of Muncie's leading industrial interests.

THOMAS S. GUTHRIE, D. D. One of the best known and most generally loved citizens of Muncie and vicinity is Rev. Thomas S. Guthrie, many years of whose life have been passed in this city, and during a long period he has been an efficient laborer in the cause of Christianity as a minister in the Universalist church. Although now living practically retired, he is still active in the continuance of the work to which he dedicated his life.

Rev. Guthrie is a native of Madison county, Ohio, born on the 10th

of August, 1830, a son of John C. and Gency Jane (Glass) Guthrie, natives of Virginia. The paternal grandfather was James Guthrie, who was also born in Virginia, and he resided there until about 1820, when he removed to Highland county, Ohio, his death there occurring at the age of ninety-six years. He followed the occupation of farming. The Guthrie family is primarily of Scotch and English origin. The marriage of John C. and Gency J. Guthrie occurred in Campbell county, Virginia, and about 1826 they moved to Highland county, Ohio, and a short time afterward to Madison county, that state, where they settled in the woods. They lived there until about 1858, when they moved to Madison county, near Winterset, Iowa, and lived there until their death. The wife died in 1864 at the age of sixty-five, and the husband died in 1875 at the age of eighty years. Mr. Guthrie was a man of varied attainments, working as a farmer, carpenter and school teacher, and was also chaplain of a militia company with the rank of captain. Although he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church he was strongly inclined toward the "New Light" faith of the Christian church, and he was a Democrat in politics. In his father's family there were eleven sons and one daughter.

Rev. Thomas S. Guthrie, their seventh child in order of birth and now the only living representative of the family, was reared in the wilds of his native county of Madison, and in its early schools he gained a limited educational training. At the age of about twenty-one years, seeking to perfect his earlier training, he entered a school in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, at his own expense, and soon after began teaching in the country schools. He was then about twenty-two years of age, and for twelve years he continued his educational labors and also worked at farming, carpentering or any honorable employment. When he had reached his fortieth year he had earned enough to enter college, and accordingly matriculated in the Theological College of Canton, New York, a Universalist institution. He had preached some before this, having embraced the Universalist doctrine as early as 1850, when about twenty years of age. Spending two years at Canton, he then entered Lombard University of Galesburg, Illinois, in which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Divinity at about the age of sixty years. During his work in the ministry Rev. Guthrie has been stationed at Miami City and Eaton, Ohio; Lafayette, Logansport, Indianapolis and Muncie, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio. He first came to Muncie on the 1st of January, 1874, where he remained for four years, and in 1884 returned to this city and continued in the active work of the ministry for seven years. Since 1900, however, he has been practically retired. Throughout all these years he has earnestly labored for the Master by voice and pen, and is the author of a fine publication, a sermon on Immortality.

Rev. Guthrie married Mary A. Comer on the 6th of March, 1856. Her death occurred on the 25th of July, 1906, after traveling the journey of life with her husband for fifty years. They had two children, J. Augustus, cashier of People's National Bank of Muncie, and Ruby, wife of I. A.

Westfall, a jeweler of Muncie, Indiana. In politics Rev. Guthrie was first a Democrat, but since 1856 has been identified with the Republican party, and in 1891-2 he represented Delaware county in the lower house of the state legislature. He was chaplain of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio Infantry, has been chaplain of the Loyal Legion of Indiana, has been a member of the Odd Fellows' order since 1854, and is a Sir Knight Templar in Masonry.

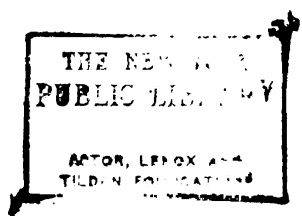
GEORGE W. ROWLETT. There is perhaps no other young business man of Delaware county whose career has been marked by a greater degree of success than that of George W. Rowlett. He was born and reared in this county, his birth occurring in Harrison township on the 15th of November, 1874, and from his own personal mention we turn to that of his father, David E. Rowlett, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, June 28, 1849, and is an ex-soldier and a retired resident of the village of Gaston, this county. His parents were Edwin and Mary E. (Wright) Rowlett, natives of Indiana and Pennsylvania respectively. Edwin Rowlett, after residing for a considerable time in Wayne county and then in Jay county, Indiana, removed to Madison county, Nebraska, and died there. He was thrice married, and became the father of twenty-one children.

David E. Rowlett was reared in Jay county, Indiana, receiving a common school education, and when only a little over fourteen years of age he enlisted in the Union army, Company B, Eleventh Indiana Cavalry. Enlisting on the 4th of November, 1863, he served to the close of the war and received an honorable discharge on the 19th of September, 1865. During the time he participated in the battles of Nashville, but the greater part of his service was as a scout. On returning from the war he turned his attention to the grist and saw-milling business, and was thus engaged until the year 1872. He then transferred his activities to the shoemaker's trade, and removing to Gaston in 1881 he conducted a shoe and harness store with success until his retirement from business in November, 1895. He married, in 1868, Esther A. Heaton, who was born in this county on the 23d of December, 1851, and died January 5, 1879. They became the parents of five children: Mary J., Edwin M., George W., Ida B. and John. On the 9th of May, 1880, the father married Samantha A. Brock, born in this county on the 16th of December, 1852, and they had three children: Orpha B., Arthur J. and Nettie E. Mr. Rowlett is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, also of the Order of Odd Fellows and in politics is a Republican.

George W. Rowlett was reared in the village of Gaston, and after completing his common-school education he learned the trades of harness and shoe making, gaining his first business experience in his father's store. In November, 1894, he became an equal partner with his father, and a year later the sole proprietor of the store. During his residence in Gaston he erected several buildings and to his already large stock of goods he added first that of buggies and then hardware and furniture, building up a large



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and extensive business in his lines and winning for himself a place among the leading men of affairs in Delaware county. In 1903 he sold his interests there, and during the following six months was engaged in the furniture and storage business in Indianapolis. In 1904 he came to Muncie, and in the spring of the same year entered upon his career as a merchant of this city. On the southwest corner of East Charles and South Mulberry streets he has a large and well equipped store of four floors, sixty by one hundred and twenty feet in dimensions, where he furnished employment to about thirty salesmen. He also has a branch store at 315 South Walnut street, known as "the Annex," where he makes a specialty of five and ten cent and racket store goods. This occupies three floors, with a frontage of thirty by one hundred and twenty feet in depth, and employment is furnished to upwards of twenty-five people. He carries a well selected stock of furniture, house-furnishing goods, hardware, etc., having in all ten departments, and his is one of the leading business enterprises of Delaware county.

In 1893 Mr. Rowlett married Miss Lillie Fallis, and they have one child, Fred. Mr. Rowlett has fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows' order, and is a member and trustee of the East Jackson Street Christian church.

THOMAS BENTON McCULLOUGH, a retired farmer and a resident of the city of Muncie, has been numbered among the citizens of Delaware county since March of 1882, at which time he and his wife came hither from Pennsylvania, where they had previously resided for about fifteen years, and from which state they had gone from Wayne county, Indiana, in 1866, to care for two of his uncles in their declining years.

Mr. McCullough was born in Wayne county, Indiana, March 1, 1839, and was reared on the parental homestead where he first saw the light of day. This farm was located about three miles east of Hagerstown. He was less than two years of age when his father died, and he was the youngest of a family of ten children, all of whom save one lived to ages of maturity, were married and reared families of their own, but of this number only Mr. McCullough and his youngest sister are now living. The father, John McCullough, was a native of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, a son of James McCullough, who was born in Ireland. The mother bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Elliott and was a native of Monongahela county, Pennsylvania. She survived her husband many years, and died at the advanced age of eighty-one years. She was married to John McCullough in Pennsylvania, and they moved from that state to Wayne county, Indiana, about 1820, thus becoming pioneers of the commonwealth, for Indiana had but recently been admitted to statehood. In Wayne county they spent the remainder of their days. They were sturdy, honest people, and farming was the father's occupation. Death came to him early in life, for he was but forty-seven when he died, and he left a large family. The widowed mother struggled along against many odds and adversities to rear her children.

Such were the circumstances under which young Thomas B. McCullough was reared, and he was obliged to apply himself diligently to the work of the farm to assist in supporting the family. The schools of those early days were poor at the best, but he was not permitted full privilege to enjoy what advantages even they afforded for an education, for if permitted to spend one day in school perhaps the next two or three days he would be obliged to work on the farm or at odd jobs in assisting in the support of the family. So it is seen that he had little opportunity to gain an education in his youth, but throughout life he has been a close observer and thereby, together with reading, he has become a well informed man. His life occupation has been farming and stock-raising. In 1860, when twenty-one years of age, he chose for his life companion Miss Lucinda Hammer, and she has been to him a most faithful helpmeet. They have journeyed together along the pathway of life for more than forty-seven years, together sharing many trials and hardships, and although their marriage has not been blessed by the birth of children, their lives have not been shorn of happiness and usefulness, for they have led active careers and been not only devoted to each other but to others and to duty as citizens wherever they have chosen to cast their lot in life. During fifteen years they cared for two uncles of Mr. McCullough who resided in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and out of appreciation for their services these uncles before death left them the small estate which they possessed in Pennsylvania. This Mr. McCullough sold and in 1882 came to Delaware county, Indiana, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 24, Hamilton township, and there they farmed and raised stock with gratifying success until the fall of 1904, when they removed to the city of Muncie and retired from the arduous and exacting duties of farm life, to which all their previous days they had been accustomed.

He still owns the farm mentioned, as well as other real estate, and during the years of his industrious life he amassed a competency. Mrs. McCullough was born in the same county as her husband, her natal day being the 13th of February, 1840, and both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never been a partisan, but rather a supporter of the best men and measures as he has been able to determine. Both he and his wife enjoy the confidence and high esteem of a host of friends.

J. WALTER BAIRD, one of the rising young lawyers of Muncie, was born in Jay county, Indiana, October 18, 1876, and for genealogy of the family

after his graduation he engaged in the practice of law in Muncie, being first associated in practice with John Lewellen, but he is now in partnership with his brother, M. B. Baird, in his legal work and in the real estate business. They are popular and highly esteemed young men, noted for their high ideals of character, and are universally respected. In 1902 Mr. Baird organized the Great Northern Mining & Milling Company, its members consisting of some of Muncie's leading business men, namely: T. H. Kirby, who is the president of the company; William Campbell, the vice-president, and C. M. Staigers, the treasurer. Under Mr. Baird's able management the company has been very successful, and a still brighter future undoubtedly awaits it. He is a member of the Masonic order, Anthony Lodge No. 171, of Albany, and also has membership relations with the Universalist church.

In January, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. Baird and Miss Mary J. Risher, she being a daughter of John W. Risher of Greene county.

J. O. POTTER, who is now serving in the position of city engineer of Muncie, was born in Lynn, Indiana, August 18, 1877, a son of Octavious and Mary (Dodge) Potter, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Indiana. In 1852, however, the father made his way to the Hoosier state and took up his abode near Williamsburg, Wayne county, and he is now a resident of Randolph, this state, engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the Civil war he offered his services to his country, becoming a member of Company C, Eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he remained a loyal soldier throughout the entire campaign.

The son, J. O. Potter, obtained an excellent educational training in the public schools of Randolph county and the Winchester high school, graduating in the latter institution in 1896. Immediately thereafter he entered upon his career as a teacher, first in the schools of Randolph county and later in the Muncie high school. As an educator he stood in the front ranks, and his eminently practical methods were deserving of the high praise which was universally accorded by those in a position to judge wisely. While engaged in teaching he also attended the state university, where he pursued special studies in mathematics, physics and mechanics and was graduated in 1904. On the 1st of May, 1905, he was appointed city engineer of Muncie, a position he was so well qualified to fill, and his career therein is one of which he has every reason to be proud. He is a young man of splendid abilities, and a still greater success in the future undoubtedly awaits him.

Mr. Potter was married on the 28th of August, 1900, when Myrtle E. Harriman, a native of Randolph county, Indiana, became his wife, and they have one daughter, Mary, born February 17, 1903. Mr. Potter is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Sons of Veterans.

MARCUS S. CLAYPOOL. For many years an active factor in the industrial interests of Delaware county, Mr. Claypool, through his diligence and

business ability, has won success and placed his name high on the roll of leading men of the county. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, August 1, 1851, his parents being Austin B. and Hannah (Petty) Claypool, both also natives of Indiana. Mr. Austin Claypool, whose birth occurred in Fayette county, became a prominent farmer and stock raiser, whose enterprise and sound judgment in industrial affairs not only promoted his individual prosperity but also advanced the public welfare. He was foremost in all the large public enterprises in eastern Indiana, and to his untiring efforts was due in a great measure the securing of the Fort Wayne and the Chicago, Hamilton & Dayton railroads through the eastern section of the state. Much of his time was devoted to agricultural interests, and he was also a prominent factor in the fairs and live stock exhibits of his community, devoting his energies to the development and upbuilding of the resources of his section of the state until his useful life was ended, his death occurring on the 16th of January, 1906, when he had reached the eighty-third milestone on the journey of life. Mrs. Claypool, whose birth occurred in Wayne county, Indiana, is still living, and is a representative of a family who have been prominent in the history of eastern Indiana since a very early day.

Marcus S. Claypool attended the schools of Wayne county during his early boyhood days, later becoming a student in the high schools of Dublin and Connorsville, where at the latter place he studied under the preceptorship of Harvey Netting, a well known and efficient educator of that time and who had also taught Mr. Claypool's father. Being thus fitted for the higher institutions of learning, he then entered Asbury College, from which he was graduated in 1872. Thus equipped with a splendid educational training and many natural gifts, Marcus S. Claypool entered the business world for himself. Coming thence to Muncie, he became associated with the Muncie Bank, which had been organized in 1871 by A. J. Claypool, his uncle, where he remained for seven years. At this time the gold fields of Colorado attracted him, and he spent five years in that state in search of the precious metal, but the high altitude of that state proved detrimental to his health, and he returned to this city and associated himself with the Muncie Banking Company and later with the Burson Banking Company. In 1886, however, these banks retired from business. During all these years Mr. Claypool had been greatly interested in horses, having as early as the '60s engaged in their breeding, and in 1887 he went into the business extensively, having ever since been numbered among the largest and most successful breeders of fine trotting and light harness horses in the state, while to him also belongs the honor of being the oldest breeder in the state. Among some of his famous horses may be mentioned Sable Gift, with a record of 2:10, and Alan, 2:11 $\frac{1}{4}$ . During the long period of twenty-three years he has served as secretary of the agricultural fair, while for fourteen years he has been a member of the Board of Agriculture, and for six years has been a member of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission. He is also extensively engaged in farming east of Muncie.

On the 14th of January, 1880, Mr. Claypool was united in marriage to Elizabeth, a daughter of John W. Burson, a well known and prominent resident of Delaware county. Mr. Claypool's fraternal relations are with the Delaware Lodge of Masons. He has always had an abiding interest in all matters that subserve the progress and well being of his fellow men, and he is recognized as a power for good in the community where his influence has been directed.

**JOHN A. JACKSON.** The present efficient and popular clerk of Muncie, John A. Jackson, holds and merits a place among its representative citizens. His birth occurred in Elmira, New York, July 7, 1869, a son of Willard C. and Catherine (Dalton) Jackson, also natives of the Empire state. In the early years of the '70s the parents journeyed to Indiana, establishing their home in Noble county, where the father was engaged in farming and the lumber business. Their son John was but a small boy at the time of the removal from New York to Indiana, and his boyhood days were spent in Noble county, receiving his educational training in the Kendallville high school. His first occupation in that city was in the clothing business, and he also spent several years in the same line of trade in Chicago, coming from that city to Muncie in 1893 and associating himself with the Globe Clothing Company. He was thus engaged until his election to the office of city clerk in November, 1905, assuming the duties of the position in September following, and his administration of its affairs has been one of honor and fidelity. In his political affiliations he has always been a zealous Republican, laboring earnestly for the adoption of the principles which he believes will best advance good government.

In 1892 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jackson and Miss Blanche Drake, she being also a native of Kendallville, Indiana, and a daughter of Nelson Drake, a prominent stockman of Noble county. One son, Lauren, has been born of this union, his birth occurring on the 29th of October, 1893. In his fraternal relations Mr. Jackson is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Red Men and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

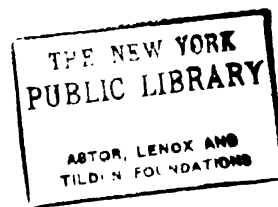
**WALTER J. LOTZ,** a prominent although one of the younger representatives of the bar of Delaware county, is accounted one of the political leaders of this section of the state. He is a native son of Muncie, born on the 17th of March, 1879, and the history of his parents will be found in the sketch of Judge Lotz in another portion of this work. The son received his education in the city's public schools, graduating from the high school in 1898, while on the 23d of May, 1900, he completed the course and graduated from the Indiana Law School. He at once became a member of his father's law firm, and after the death of the latter was given his place, the firm then becoming Gregory, Silverburg & Lotz, and after the retirement of Mr. Silverburg it became Gregory & Lotz. Mr. Lotz has made a deep and

thorough search into the science of jurisprudence, and his ability has enabled him to become a leader in the public life of his community. He was recently the Democratic candidate for the office of attorney general and made an excellent race. He ranks high at the bar and in political circles, and Muncie may well be proud to number him among her native sons.

JOHN J. HARTLEY. One of the most prominent citizens of Delaware county is John J. Hartley, whose history furnishes a splendid example of what may be accomplished through determined purpose, laudable ambition and well directed efforts. Starting out in life for himself at the early age of twelve years he has steadily worked his way upward, gaining success and winning the public confidence, and his name is now a familiar one in the industrial circles of Delaware county.

Mr. Hartley was born in Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of September, 1856. His father, Charles Albert Hartley, was a native of Baden Baden, Germany, but came to the United States when a young man, and after a short residence in Pittsburg removed to Beaver county. In his native land he had been educated for the ministry, but after coming to the United States engaged in teaching, for many years serving as president of Trevalin College in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. For generations in the fatherland the family had been well known educators, and it was in but natural sequence that Charles A. Hartley should inherit the love of the profession and become one of the noted educators in his eastern home. He was killed in a railroad accident in 1861. In his young manhood he had married Margaret Barbara Heffner, a native of Karlsruhe, Germany, born in 1818, and when but a child she came with her parents to the United States, her death occurring in 1885.

John J. Hartley attended the public schools of Freedom, Pennsylvania, during his early youth, but when only twelve years of age he began the battle of life for himself, having charge of the newspapers on a train, his employers being Riley & Sergeant, but a short time afterward he engaged in that occupation for himself. On reaching his twenty-first year he assumed the management of the Tremont House in Mansfield, Ohio, where he remained from 1877 until 1883, but in the meantime had engaged in the cigar business, while later the firm of Pertell, Hartley & Black, prominent cracker manufacturers, was established, which continued until 1884. In that year Mr. Hartley entered the real estate and insurance business in Mansfield, but in April, 1889, he left that city for Muncie, Indiana, where he has ever since been actively interested in all that pertains to its general welfare and advancement. Shortly after his arrival he formed a partnership with James Boyce in the real estate business, but after the burning of the Boyce block Mr. Hartley continued in business alone until in June, 1906, when the firm was incorporated under the name of the John J. Hartley Agency. In 1887, in company with Samuel Lowenstein, Mr. Hartley purchased the P. W. Patterson tract, bounded by First, Willard, Penn and





**G. R. Green.**

Ebright streets, and laid out the Hartley-Lowenstein Addition, on which he erected and sold many houses, and this has now become one of the valuable and beautiful sections of the city. In addition to serving as president of the John J. Hartley Agency, he is also vice president of the People's Home and Savings Company, organized for the purpose of enabling people to build homes at reasonable rates of interest and allowing settlement on easy payments. Thus for a long period he has been an active factor in the industrial interests of Delaware county, contributing to its general prosperity through the conduct of large enterprises. Loyalty to all duties of citizenship and fidelity in the discharge of every trust reposed in him have been his chief characteristics, and through the passing years they have gained him the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen.

In June, 1877, Mr. Hartley was united in marriage to Anna A. McSherry, who died on the 10th of August, 1896, and two years later, on the 22d of June, 1898, he married Sarah A., a daughter of Julius A. and Elizabeth Kirby Heinsohn, of Muncie. Four children have been born of this union: John Kirby, born September 2, 1899; Julius Andreas, born October 23, 1901; Margaret Elizabeth, born April 17, 1905, and Robert Heinsohn, born March 7, 1907. In 1894, accompanied by his wife, Mr. Hartley crossed the water to the old country, traveling over Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land. From 1891 to 1893 he was a member of the city council of Muncie, during which time he served as chairman of the committee on water works, and was also active in the establishment of the city's electric light plant. He is a member and an active worker in the Masonic order, affiliating with the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of Muncie and with the Indiana consistory. His religious affiliation is with the Grace Episcopal church, of which he is a valued member.

G. R. GREEN, M. D. For over twenty years Dr. Green has been engaged in the practice of Medicine in Muncie, and is thus one of the oldest representatives of the profession in Delaware county. During all this time he has not only maintained his position among the leaders of the medical fraternity but has taken part in much of the public and social life of Muncie, so that he is accounted one of her honored citizens. His birth occurred within the borders of Delaware county November 15, 1851, his parents being Andrew J. and Amassa (Johnson) Green. William Green, his paternal grandfather, was of English descent and moved from New York to Ohio. From there he came to Delaware county and settled in Niles township, where he became one of the earliest pioneers. His son Andrew was born in Athens, Ohio, and when a child accompanied his parents on their removal to Delaware county, where he received his education and developed into a man of varied attainments, having taught school, preached in the Christian church and practiced medicine for many years prior to his death, which occurred in 1885. His name stood exponent for the most sterling personal characteristics, the deepest appreciation of the

rights and privileges of citizenship, and is ineffaceably traced on the early history of Delaware county.

Dr. G. R. Green completed his literary education in the high school of Muncie, after which he taught for several years, but failing health soon caused him to leave the school room and return to his home, where naturally he drifted into the study of medicine under the able instructions of his father, although he had had other views for his future life work. Graduating from the Indiana Medical college in 1877 with high honors, he then went to New York and took a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic. He entered upon the practice of medicine at Royerton, Indiana, but in June, 1885, came to Muncie, where he has attained distinctive prestige in the line of his calling and his success has come as the logical sequence of thorough technical information and skill. The doctor holds membership relations with the state, county and district medical societies, thus keeping abreast of the many new discoveries which are constantly being made in the profession, and he has served as president of the County Medical Society. He is also president of the board of public works and fills the chair of history at the Medical College of Indiana.

In 1878 Dr. Green was united in marriage to Mary E. Monroe, a daughter of Hugh Monroe, of Delaware county. Mr. Monroe is a Scotchman of the celebrated Monroe clan. Three children have been born of this union, Dwight M., a graduate of Rush Medical College and now practicing with his father; Earl, who is a graduate of the Indiana Medical College, his father's alma mater, and he is now in the government service as acting assistant surgeon at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, in the public health and marine hospital service; and Bessie K. The Doctor's fraternal relations are with the Muncie lodge of Masons, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree and is also a member of the chapter. He has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish rite. He has long been a worthy and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and during the period of twenty years has served as an elder. Dr. Green is a leader in his profession in Delaware county, and his splendid characteristics both as a practitioner and a citizen make him worthy of the high regard in which he is held.

ALVA C. SURBER, who has gained enviable prestige as one of the most able and successful of the younger practitioners of medicine in the city of Muncie, is a man of scholarly attainments, and has made deep and careful research into the science to which he is devoting his life. His birth occurred in Hillsboro, Ohio, November 3, 1871, his parents being John P. and Jennie M. (Davidson) Surber, both also natives of the Buckeye state. In

Thus with a most excellent literary education to serve as the foundation on which to erect the superstructure of his life work he began the study of medicine, spending the first year in the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, and completing his course and graduating in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1895. Dr. Surber received his A. M. degree from Loyola College, and for two years served as interne at the Maryland General Hospital, after which, in 1897, he began the practice of medicine in Muncie. Although he follows a general practice he has made a specialty of chronic diseases, and the large patronage which he now enjoys is indicative of his skill and ability. Since entering upon his practice he has pursued a special course at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and thus it will be seen that he has been an earnest student, and accordingly he has gained distinction in the line of his chosen calling.

In 1900 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Surber and Miss Abbie L., a daughter of Mathias Kuchmann, who is numbered among the honored old pioneers of Delaware county, having been a resident of Muncie for nearly fifty years. Two sons have blessed their union, Alva C., Jr., who was born on the 17th of August, 1901, and John Roger, born June 7, 1906. Dr. Surber is a member of the Masonic lodge of Muncie, also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Red Men, and is a consistent and worthy member of the Christian church.

**MYRON H. GRAY.** The man who wins prominence at the bar of America's thriving cities must have a thorough understanding of the law. All must begin on a common plane and rise to prominence by perseverance, industry and ability, or fall back into the ranks of mediocrity. In a like manner with all others, Myron H. Gray has started out to win a name and place for himself, and the success he has already achieved gives him a most promising future and assures him a place in the foremost ranks of the legal profession in Muncie. Mr. Gray is a representative of one of the old and honored families of the county. His grandfather, James Gray, was but a little lad of seven years when he came from Tennessee to Delaware county, where he located in Salem township, and later became a farmer and merchant. His son, Milton Gray, spent his early life on the farm, for a time engaged in the general merchandise business at Daleville and at Middletown and finally moved to Muncie in 1889, where he has since resided. Milton Gray is the secretary and treasurer of the Muncie Casket Company, and is well known in business circles throughout the state. In his early manhood he married Miss Jeannettia Griffis, the daughter of Dr. Robert Griffis, of Henry county.

Myron H. Gray, the son of Milton and Jeannettia Gray, was born at Daleville, Indiana, September 17, 1881. He received his training in the public and high schools of Muncie, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900. He then became a student at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1904. Mr.

Gray's legal studies were further pursued at the Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. With this excellent training to begin his life work he was admitted to the Delaware county bar in September, 1904, and became associated in the practice of law with the law firm of Bingham & Long, the connection continuing until December of 1906, at which time Mr. Gray formed a partnership with Frank J. Kent, of Washington, D. C., the firm name becoming Gray & Kent. Messrs. Gray and Kent devote their attention to real estate, probate and corporation law, in which particular lines they have a large and favorable clientage. They maintain an office in the Ouray building at Washington, D. C., and are specially prepared to handle patent trade-mark and copyright cases and all matters before congressional committees and departmental boards.

On July 31, 1907, Mr. Gray was married to Miss Marie Frances Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Smith, of Muncie. Mr. Gray gives his support to the Republican party, in which he is a prominent and active worker. He belongs to the Jackson Christian church and is a member of the Masonic order and of the Beta Theta Pi collegiate fraternity. His many admirable qualities of heart and mind have gained him a large circle of friends and his future seems bright with promise.

ARTHUR E. VINTON, M. D. One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician, and in the subject of this review is found one who has gained distinction in the calling. He has been an earnest and discriminating student and now holds a position of precedence among the medical practitioners of eastern Indiana. He is, however, numbered among its younger representatives, for his birth occurred on the 11th of February, 1874, in Marshalltown, Iowa, his parents being Delos D. and Emma E. (Dobson) Vinton, the former a native of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and the latter of Indiana.

After attending the public schools of Marshalltown Arthur E. Vinton became a carriage painter, working at his trade for several years. In the meantime he had decided to devote his life to the medical profession, and as a means to that end he began reading in the office of Dr. F. G. Jackson, of Muncie, in 1895, while later he entered the Louisville Medical College and graduated therein on the 25th of March, 1895. Immediately after his graduation Dr. Vinton opened his office in this city, continuing in the general practice of medicine until in March, 1906, when he specialized in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In the early part of the same year he went to Europe to study in Berlin and Paris along the lines of his special department, and spent some time in the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital in London and the Rothschilds Hospital in Paris, while after his return he studied

ern Indiana, while he is also a recognized authority upon many questions affecting the general practice of medicine.

In 1904 Dr. Vinton was united in marriage to Miss Florence L. Nixon, of Fountain City, Indiana. He is a member of the Delaware lodge, F. & A. M.; Welcome lodge, K. P., and also holds membership relations with the county and state medical societies. In addition to discharging the duties of his large medical practice Dr. Vinton is also a member of the county board of health and deputy county health officer and examiner for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. In private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindness and geniality, while professionally he is a young man of splendid intellectual attainments, and a still brighter future undoubtedly awaits him.

**ROSCOE C. GRIFFITH.** In reviewing the members of the Delaware county bar the name of Roscoe C. Griffith takes a prominent place among his professional brethren, and we are pleased to present to his numerous friends and acquaintances this review of his life. He was born in Huntington, Indiana, December 15, 1863, his parents being William H. and Seraphina M. (Clark) Griffith, the former a native of Huntington county, Indiana, and the latter of Clark county, Ohio.

Their son, Roscoe C. Griffith, received his early literary education in the schools of his native city of Huntington, in which he graduated in June, 1883, and in the following September he entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he completed the law course and graduated in January, 1885. Returning to Huntington, he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, and during his residence there was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney, continuing in the position until March, 1888. It was in that year that he came to Muncie, where he continued in practice alone until in May, 1904, when a partnership was formed with James A. Ross, and the firm of Griffith & Ross became well known over this section of the state. On October 1, 1907, this partnership was dissolved and since then Mr. Griffith has practiced his profession alone. Since 1889 he has served as attorney for the Muncie Savings & Loan Company, and since that time the assets of the company have increased from twenty to eight hundred and fifty thousand, and he has also served as one of its directors. In politics he is a Republican and is an active worker in the party ranks.

On the 12th of August, 1886, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Clara L. Marson, a native of Wayne county, Indiana, and a daughter of John Marson. Two daughters have been born of this union, Maurine, whose birth occurred on the 31st of August, 1893, and Helen, born November 1, 1899. Fraternally Mr. Griffith is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Baptist church and is a contributor to all worthy enterprises.

WALTER L. DAVIS. One of the leading business men of Muncie is Walter L. Davis, the secretary of the Muncie Savings & Loan Company, and who is ranked with the representative citizens of the county. His birth occurred in Youngsville, Warren county, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1850, his parents being Willard J. and Laura L. (Littlefield) Davis. The father, who is also a native of Pennsylvania, is a prominent farmer and bee keeper, owning the largest apiary in the Keystone state and one of the largest in the United States.

After completing his education in the public schools of his native county of Warren Mr. Davis became a student in the state normal school at Edinboro, Pennsylvania. In 1869 he came to Muncie and joined his uncle, Philip F. Davis, in the agricultural implement business, but seven years afterward abandoned that business for the newspaper field, becoming a member of the staff of the Muncie *Courier*, a Democratic paper, in which he later purchased an interest. Later selling his interest in that journal he became associated with the Muncie weekly and daily *News*, and five years later, in company with Thomas McKillip, established the daily and weekly *Herald*, which is now known as the Muncie *Press*. He has ever been a writer of superior force and ability, but in 1893 he severed his connection with the newspaper field to become secretary of the Muncie Savings & Loan Company, which was organized in 1889 with Mr. Davis as its director, and he has ever since served in that capacity.

On the 8th of October, 1879, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Isadore F. Morehouse, a daughter of Henry Morehouse, of Delaware county, and one daughter, Ethel, has been born to them. Politically Mr. Davis affiliates with the Republican party, while fraternally he is a member of the Masonic lodge and commandery of Muncie, and religiously is a worthy and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. As a newspaper man he has done much for Muncie. At the time of the discovery of gas in this locality he issued a special edition of his paper, of ten thousand copies, which he distributed for the purpose of advertising the great boon to Muncie, and in many ways he has proved a public benefactor to his city and county.

CLARENCE G. REA, M. D., who has won distinction as one of the most able and successful of the younger medical practitioners in Delaware county, is a native son of Indiana, his birth occurring in New Castle on the 1st of April, 1880, his parents being George N. and Ida B. (Galliher) Rea, who were also born in the Hoosier state, the former in Henry county and the

he was graduated in 1904. Immediately following his graduation he opened an office in Muncie, where he has since been engaged in private practice and is attaining the success which his skill and ability so well merit. In September, 1906, he was appointed president of the board of health, and is also a member of the State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the County Medical Society and the Delaware District Medical Society. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order. Dr. Rea is a young man of promise, and although he has already gained an enviable position in the practice of medicine a still brighter future awaits him.

**FREDERICK W. HEATH.** A native son of Muncie, born on the 5th of May, 1854, and its oldest real estate dealer in point of continuous service, Frederick W. Heath enjoys an enviable position, having by honorable and correct methods gained the confidence of his fellow townsmen. A review of the family history will be found in the sketch of his father, Rev. Jacob Heath, elsewhere in this work. The son Frederick completed his education in the public schools of this city when seventeen years of age, and during the two years thereafter was engaged in the grocery business for himself. At the close of that period, when in his nineteenth year, he embarked in the real estate business, in which he has continued from that time to the present, and is now its oldest representative in Muncie. To him belongs the honor of originating the two hundred thousand dollar fund for encouraging factories to locate in this city, and his firm subscribed ten thousand dollars to the amount. All of his varied business interests he has handled with skill and fidelity, and the splendid success which has attended his efforts is but a merited reward.

On the 1st of January, 1885, Mr. Heath was united in marriage to **Laura Bennett, a daughter of William Bennett**, the largest land owner in Delaware county, and they have one son, Bennett.

**R. A. BUNCH, M. D.** An honored resident of Muncie during the past eighteen years, Dr. Bunch in that time has won distinction as a medical practitioner, and enjoys an extensive and remunerative practice. His birth occurred in Portland, Indiana, October 28, 1852, and after completing his education in its public schools he entered Liber College, at College Corners, two miles south of Portland, where he studied under Professors Tucker, Burns and Jones. With this excellent educational training to fit him for life's activities he entered the teacher's profession, thus continuing for eight years in Jay county. In 1870 he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Drs. Gillan and Allen, of Portland, and in 1881 he completed the course and graduated from the E. M. I. Institute, of Cincinnati. He was then able to enter the field as a medical practitioner, and for a time practiced in Geneva, thence going to Portland and later to Desoto, Indiana. It was in 1889 that he came to Muncie, where he has won success as a general medical practitioner. He is progressive in his methods, constantly reading

and studying, and thus keeps in close touch with the spirit of the times. His membership with many of the leading medical societies also enables him to keep fully abreast of the many new discoveries which are constantly being made in the science of medicine. He is a member of the State and National Eclectic Medical Society, having served as president of the former for two terms, and is an honorary member of the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Society.

In April, 1877, Dr. Bunch married Mary A. Bair, whose death occurred on the 9th of June, 1906, leaving four children. The eldest, Rollin H., is a graduate of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, and is now associated with his father in practice. The second son, Fred L., is also a graduate of that institution, and will soon join his father and brother in the medical profession. Morrell McKenzie will enter college in September of the present year, 1907, to pursue the study of medicine. The only daughter, Bessie G., is the wife of Walker J. Lotz, the well known attorney of Muncie.

On June 12, 1907, Dr. Bunch was united in marriage with Miss Beulah L. Batey, of this city. They reside at 221 West Jackson street, Muncie. Dr. Bunch has offices at 215 South Mulberry street.

**J. D. MILTENBERGER.** One of the younger representatives of the business interests of Muncie, J. D. Miltenberger enjoys an enviable position. He is a leading real estate dealer and has that keen discrimination and sagacity in business affairs which, when combined with energy and industry, lead to success. He was born in Franklin, Ohio, March 12, 1876, a son of George W. and Permelia (Dearth) Miltenberger, both also natives of the Buckeye state. They came to Muncie many years ago and have long been numbered among its representative citizens.

J. D. Miltenberger, their son, is of German and English descent. After completing his education in the Franklin high school he spent eight years as the publisher of the *Franklin News*, and on the expiration of that period, in 1902, he came to Muncie and entered the real estate business with Jere Garrard, as a member of the firm of Jere Garrard & Company, while in 1904 J. H. Leffler was admitted to a partnership, the firm name then becoming Garrard, Miltenberger & Leffler. In 1906 Mr. Garrard withdrew from the firm, since which time the business has been conducted under the firm name of Miltenberger & Leffler. They have been very successful in their ventures, handling large real estate transactions, and in the receivership, trusteeship and settlement of estates they have been unusually successful in the courts of the district. They are located in suite 106, ground floor of the Vatet block.

In 1897 Mr. Miltenberger was united in marriage to Anna M. Gable, a

past chancellor, and the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorrasan. He is very prominent in the musical circles of Muncie, being now the musical director in the choir of the First Christian church and a member of the Wysor Grand Opera House Orchestra. He is a young man of energy, enterprise and reliability, and has thus won the confidence as well as a liberal share of the patronage of the public. He has a beautiful home at 231 North Vine street.

J. H. LEFFLER. Many years have passed since the Leffler family became identified with the interests of Delaware county, and with the passing years its representatives have taken an active and prominent part in the development of this section of the state, while one of its members, J. H. Leffler, now occupies an enviable position in the business circles of Muncie, being well known in real estate and finance circles. His birth occurred in Delaware county, five miles north of Muncie, June 23, 1862. His father, Philip Leffler, was a native of Darke county, Ohio, but during his infancy his parents established their home in Delaware county, Indiana, where the family has ever since been one of prominence, honored and respected in every class of society. In this county Philip Leffler married Mary Garrard, whose birth occurred within its borders, whither her father, Harvey Garrard, had come from Ohio in a very early day. Both the Leffler and Garrard families were numbered among the earliest pioneers of Delaware county, taking an active part in its subsequent development and aiding in transforming its wild lands into rich farms, and in other ways promoting the progress and advancement which made a once wild region the home of a contented, prosperous people. Mr. Leffler still resides on the old homestead in Delaware county, but the loving wife and mother has long since gone to the home beyond, her death occurring in 1868.

After completing his education in the common schools near his boyhood home J. H. Leffler became a student in the Danville normal, where he diligently pursued his studies until he was able to enter the school room as a teacher, following that profession during the winter months and farming in the summers for several years. Removing thence to Albany, he was for eight years engaged in the hardware business, after which he turned his attention to the manufacture of furniture, but a disastrous fire made it necessary for him to close out his business and he came to Muncie, landing in this city without money, friends or position. Beginning again at the very bottom round of the ladder of life, he has mounted step by step until he today ranks among the leading business men of Delaware county, the outcome of the honest reward of labor. His first occupation in this city was in the life insurance business, after which for six years he was deputy county clerk, was next with the Union Traction Company as a real estate and claim adjuster, and in 1904 entered the real estate, loan and fire insurance business as a member of the firm of Miltenberger & Leffler. They transact a large and profitable business and are important factors in the business life

of Delaware county. Although an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party Mr. Leffler has never sought office, but in 1906 he was elected to the position of clerk of the court, over which his brother is judge. His business career has been crowned with a well merited success, for he has made good use of his opportunities, conducting all business matters carefully and systematically, and in all his acts displaying an aptitude for successful management.

On the 23d of June, 1888, Mr. Leffler was married to Nettie A., a daughter of David W. Sloniker, of Delaware county, and they have one child, Lucille, born on the 26th of November, 1896. In his fraternal relations Mr. Leffler is a member of Delaware Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Welcome Lodge No. 37, K. of P., and of the Red Men. He is a past officer in both the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men lodge. He has membership relations with the Sons of Veterans, his father's services in the Forty-second Indiana during the Civil war entitling him to enter its ranks, and he has served as senior vice commander of the Indiana division of the order.

**JEREMIAH GARRARD.** For a number of years past Jeremiah Garrard has been prominently identified with the business interests of Muncie, and in this time has become recognized as one of its most valued and useful citizens. His birth occurred in Warren county, Ohio, January 29, 1845, his parents being Harvey and Hannah (Gustin) Garrard, both also natives of that commonwealth. The father, whose birth occurred March 22, 1812, became a citizen of Delaware county, Indiana, on the 1st of April, 1857, establishing his home eight miles north of Muncie. He became prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the county and continued to reside within its borders until his busy and useful life was ended.

Jeremiah Garrard, the youngest son of his parents' eight children, was but a lad at the time of the inauguration of the Civil war, but with the other brave youths of his country he nobly offered his services to his country's cause in January, 1864, becoming a member of Company C, First Indiana Heavy Artillery, with which he served for two years, and on the expiration of that period was mustered out as corporal, having also served as the color bearer of his regiment. His military career was one of arduous service, participating in the battles of Mobile and Spanish Fort, and after the close of the conflict he returned to Delaware county and continued his studies, which had been interrupted by the war. After completing his education in the public schools Mr. Garrard spent two years in farming, and in 1872 embarked in the mercantile business in Royerton, Indiana, where he continued until his return to Muncie in 1880. Since 1890 he has been engaged in the real estate, loan and investment business. He has so directed his efforts that his business interests have grown apace with the progress which dominates the central west, and his extensive business interests in Delaware county make him well known to its citizens.

In 1869 occurred the marriage of Mr. Garrard and Miss Savannah

Green, she being a sister of Dr. Green, so well known in Delaware county. In the social circles of the city Mr. Garrard is equally prominent and has membership relations with Welcome Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Energy Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Muncie Lodge No. 433, Free and Accepted Masons; Muncie Tribe of Red Men; and Williams Post, G. A. R. He is also a worthy member of the Christian church.

E. W. BISHOP is the leading insurance dealer of Delaware county. He possesses that keen discrimination and sagacity in business affairs which, when combined with energy and industry, always lead to success, and to him they have brought a handsome competence and have placed him among the leading business men of Muncie. He is a native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Worthington on the first of March, 1847, his parents being William and Charlotte (Wolcott) Bishop, the former a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, born in 1802, and the latter in Ohio. In 1818 the father left the Empire state for Ohio, where for a time he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and then turned his attention to the harness and saddlery business, his life's labors being ended in death in 1871.

When but fifteen years of age E. W. Bishop offered his services to his country in her hour of need, joining in 1862 the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Regiment, Company C, and his military career covered a period of three years, for he was honorably discharged in 1865 on account of disability. Although but a lad he was a brave and loyal soldier, and he now maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the blue by his membership in Williams Post, of which he is a past commander. After returning from the army Mr. Bishop attended school for one year, and then engaged in mercantile business for two years. It was in 1866 that he came to Muncie, and during the first six months here was engaged in railroad service, after which he went to Winchester and served as the company's agent there for eleven years. Returning to Muncie in 1881, he was in the employ of the Big Four and the Lake Erie & Western railroads as agent until 1890, when he turned his attention to the insurance business, representing many of the well known and reliable companies, and success has attended his well directed efforts. He is energetic, enterprising and reliable, and has the confidence as well as a liberal share of the patronage of the public.

In 1869 Mr. Bishop was united in marriage to Elsa Dana, of Fostoria, Ohio, where her father, Dr. Dana, was a well known physician for many years. Three children have been born to them, Erville D., deceased; Marcus S., who is associated with his father in the insurance business; and Charlotte, the wife of D. M. Edgerley, of Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Bishop is connected with the Masonic order, being a member of its chapter and commandery, in which he has filled all the chairs in both orders, and exemplifies in his daily life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is also a worthy member of the Presbyterian church, and is a Republican in his political affiliations. Nearly

his entire life has been spent in Muncie and he is well known among her citizens and is held in uniform regard.

CHARLES B. KIRK. Of the pioneer families which have materially contributed to the prosperity and advancement of Delaware county and particularly to Muncie, the one represented by Charles B. Kirk occupies an important place. They have been influential in the development of its business interests and the name is known far and near in connection with the city's industrial activities. The family on both the paternal and maternal sides is traced to the mother country of England, from whence the maternal grandfather, Benjamin Merriwether, came to the United States and established his home in Ohio, where he followed his trade of harness making. His wife died during the voyage to this country. William N. Kirk, the father of Charles, was born in York, England, but during his boyhood days came with his father, Charles Kirk, to the United States, they making their way to Muncie in an early day, where the elder Mr. Kirk was employed as a harness maker. He taught this trade to his son William, but in 1865 the latter transferred his interests to the grocery business. About 1887 he merged his stock into a department store and two years later he moved to 221 East Main street.

Charles B. Kirk, whose name introduces this review, was born in Muncie on the 24th of November, 1865, and after completing his education in the city's public schools he learned the printing business. In 1887 he left the printing office and joined his father in business, for his trade had grown to large proportions, and after the latter's death another son, Will E. Kirk also became associated therewith, and the two brothers organized the business under the firm name of Kirk Brothers. On July 24, 1898, Will E. Kirk died, and the business was then assumed by Charles B. Kirk. With the passing years his interests have grown and expanded to such an extent that he is now the proprietor of one of the largest stores in the city, where he carries a magnificent stock of sporting goods, small hardware, cutlery, etc., also a complete line of athletic goods, and his is one of the oldest as well as the most attractive store in Delaware county.

Mr. Kirk was married in 1900, when Julia E., a daughter of one of the early pioneers of Muncie and Delaware county, Ed Wilson, became his wife, and their three sons are Ernest E., Robert W. and Edward C. Mr. Kirk's fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, Delaware Lodge, the order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. His many admirable qualities of heart and mind have gained him a large circle of friends, and he is widely and favorably known in Delaware county.

O. W. OWENS. Among those who have attained distinctive prestige in the practice of medicine in the city of Muncie and whose success has come as the result of thorough technical information and skill stands Dr. Owens, who is a man of scholarly attainments. His birth occurred in Venedocia,

Van Wert county, Ohio, January 22, 1869, so he is numbered among the younger representatives of the medical profession. His father, David J. Owens, was a native of Anglesey, Wales, but when only six years of age was brought by his parents to the United States, the family home being established on a farm in Ohio, where David J. Owens is still engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Mary Jenkins, a native of Ohio, and both Mr. and Mrs. Owens are of Welsh descent.

Their son, O. W. Owens, received his elementary education in the public schools near his boyhood home, while later he attended a normal school in Ohio, and for five years was a valued member of the teachers' profession. Deciding to make the practice of medicine his life work he entered the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, where he completed the course and graduated in 1897. During the three years following his graduation he successfully practiced his profession in his native city of Venedocia, and on the expiration of that period, in 1900, came to Muncie and opened an office, where he is now the leading representative of the Hahnemann or homeopathic school of medicine, whose methods and principles are becoming more highly appreciated and approved year after year. He has made deep and careful research into the science to which he is devoting his life, and has gained an enviable prestige as one of the able and successful practitioners of medicine in Delaware county.

In 1902 Dr. Owens was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Davies, a daughter of Evan Davies, of Van Wert county, Ohio, and they have two little sons, David Wendell, born on the 10th of August, 1903, and Walter Evan, born March 20, 1907. By his membership in the Homeopathic Medical Society Dr. Owens keeps abreast of the many discoveries which are constantly being made in the medical science, and also has membership relations with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Red Men, while his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church.

FRANK FEELY, one of the leading members of the legal fraternity in Delaware county, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, September 22, 1862, a son of Thomas and Mary (O'Brien) Feely, both of whom were born in the Emerald Isle. They came to the United States in their childhood days and for a number of years Mr. Feely followed agricultural pursuits in Fayette county, Indiana. In 1871 they came to Delaware county, later removing to Henry county, this state, but shortly afterward came again to this county, where Mr. Feely now resides.

Frank Feely accompanied his parents on their various removals and received his education in the schools of Fayette, Delaware and Henry counties, and after the completion of his education followed farming and agricultural pursuits. While at school he read law, and was admitted to the Delaware county bar in 1895. Immediately opening an office in Muncie, he has ever since enjoyed a substantial and growing practice, continuing alone

in his profession until two years ago, when he formed a partnership with H. S. Redkey. They form one of the leading law firms of the city and their extensive practice connects them with much of the important litigation heard in the courts of Delaware county. Mr. Feely is prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party, having been its nominee for the position of prosecuting attorney and has served as chairman of its county committee. His fraternal relations are with Delaware Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Independent Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias.

G. W. BUCKLIN, M. D. For many years Dr. Bucklin has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Muncie. Being of broad and liberal mind and having enjoyed the advantages of a superior education, he has always stood forth as the champion of progress, and his influence has been exerted at all times on the side of right and truth. His birth occurred in Princeton, Indiana, May 14, 1850, a son of Horace M. and Elmira (Maxam) Bucklin, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of New York, and both members of prominent old eastern families. The father's death occurred in 1895, when he had reached the age of eighty-four years, but the mother survived until 1906, passing away at the age of eighty-nine years. Of their children two sons and two daughters are living. On both the paternal and maternal sides the family were early pioneers of Indiana, the father having removed hither in 1832 and located in Princeton, while the mother came with her parents when only a babe of two years. Her father was Sylvester Maxam.

Dr. G. W. Bucklin, after completing his education in the Princeton high school, taught school for four years, and in 1876, entered upon the study of the profession which he had determined to make his life work, his preceptor being Dr. Munford, of Princeton. In 1879 he graduated from the Bellevue Medical College of New York, and immediately entered upon the practice of Medicine in New Harmony, Indiana, there remaining until 1892. In the meantime, in 1890, he pursued a course of study in the Polyclinic of New York, and in 1906 entered upon a course in the Chicago Polyclinic. The Doctor yet maintains many pleasant reminiscences of his early practice in Posey county, when he daily rode forty-five miles on horseback, and at that time the county was practically without roads. His practice extended across the river into Illinois, and he was often obliged to cross the Wabash at very late hours in a skiff, and at times when the river had been greatly swollen. Who can fully comprehend what it means, and how many of the present generation realize what it meant to be a pioneer physician, riding here and there, far and near, in all kinds of weather, without regard to self, his sole thought being of others. In 1892 Dr. Bucklin came to Muncie, where he has since been a permanent and ever ready family physician. He holds membership relations with the County, State and American Medical Associations, is an ex-president of the County Medical Society and for three years has been a county delegate to the State Medical Society.

The marriage of Dr. Bucklin was celebrated in 1879, when Emma Wright, a native daughter of Warwick county, Indiana, became his wife. The doctor is a worthy member of the Masonic order, connected with Delaware Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter No. 30, and is also a member of Muncie Commandery No. 18, K. T. He is a valued member of the Methodist church, with which he has been associated in the capacity of trustee for twelve years. The record of a noble life is a man's best monument, and no words of eulogy can add luster to the name of Dr. G. W. Bucklin.

DAVID T. HAINES, JR. No citizen of Muncie enjoys the confidence and high esteem of his associates and neighbors in a greater degree than does D. T. Haines, who is a native son of the county, born on the 12th of February, 1865. His paternal great-grandfather, John Haines, took up his abode in Ohio about 1770, locating first at Waynesville, but soon afterward moved to Greene county. His son, Stacy Haines, the grandfather of David, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, in 1795, and married Judith Terrell, by whom he had twelve children, the eldest being David T., Sr. The family were birthright members of the Society of Friends.

David T. Haines, Sr., was born in Ohio on the 1st of October, 1818, and there learned the trade of a miller. It was in the early year of 1848 that he came to Muncie, where he was engaged in a wholesale and retail grocery business until 1853. He was a public-spirited and enterprising citizen and he did much toward developing central Indiana and Delaware county. To him belongs the honor of securing the Fort Wayne & Southern railroad through this locality, and he served as secretary of the company from 1853 until 1855, when it failed, and he later helped organize the company that built the Fort Wayne, Chicago & Louisville railroad, serving first as its secretary and treasurer and later as its vice president. He also helped to organize and build what is now the Fort Wayne & Cincinnati railroad, becoming the secretary and director of the company. Mr. Haines also embarked largely in the grain business during the early '60s, also speculated considerably in real estate in Kansas, and in 1875 became identified with the Muncie Machine Works, of which he became the general manager. To him came the attainment of a distinguished position in connection with the great material industries of this section of the state, and his was truly a successful life, but the busy and useful career was ended in death in 1899, when he had reached the eighty-first milestone on the journey of life. In his early manhood he had married Deborah Sever, of Warren county, Ohio, who died in 1852, and he afterward wedded Elizabeth Dragoo, of West Virginia.

David T. Haines, Jr., received his educational training in the Muncie schools, and after some experience in the mercantile business he went to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1885, and was thus engaged for nine years. In 1893 he returned to his native city of Muncie, where he has since achieved success in the commission business. In 1896 he was united in marriage to

Martha Ritchey of Liberty, Missouri. His fraternal connections are with the Knights of Pythias.

OLIVER CARMICHAEL. One of the prominent old families of Delaware county is that of the Carmichaels, where they have been represented ever since the opening decades of its history. They have ever borne their part in the upbuilding and development of this region, and have invariably been exponents of progress and liberal ideas upon all subjects. One of its prominent representatives is Oliver Carmichael, whose name is also deeply engraved on the pages of its history, for through many years he has been a most important factor in its varied interests. His birth occurred in Monroe township, Delaware county, January 20, 1841, his parents being Patrick and Louisa (Gibson) Carmichael, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Tennessee. Andrew Carmichael, the grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and after coming to the United States settled in Baltimore, Maryland, from whence he removed to the Carolinas and subsequently to Kentucky, where occurred the birth of his son Patrick. In the early year of 1827 Patrick Carmichael came to Delaware county, Indiana, being preceded two years by the Gibson family, and both settled in Monroe township. He became one of its most prominent residents and was the recipient of many public honors, having served as school trustee, also as township trustee and for years was a justice of the peace.

When a lad of twenty years Oliver Carmichael offered his service to his country's cause during the Civil war, enlisting in July, 1861, in Company E, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteers, in which he served for three years. The Nineteenth was one of the regiments of the famous Iron Brigade, and as a member of the Army of the Potomac he took part in many of the noted engagements of the war, including those of Gainsville, second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. In the last engagement he received a gunshot wound and was mustered out of service on the 29th of July, 1864.

With a military career which will ever redound to his credit as a loyal and devoted son of the republic Mr. Carmichael returned to his father's farm, where he remained until 1875, moving thence to Muncie, and during the following fifteen years was an invalid owing to the result of his wound and the severities of his military life. In 1900 he was elected to represent his county in the state legislature, and so well did he discharge the duties which devolved upon him in that important office that he received a re-election, and is now serving his fourth term. Among other bills he was the author and had passed the county hospital bill, and has at all times been true to his duty and the right. In April, 1907, he was appointed a member of the board of public works for the ensuing term, expiring January 1, 1910.

In October, 1864 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Carmichael and Martha Losh, she being a native of Delaware county and a daughter of John Losh, of Pennsylvania. Their children are: Otto, a resident of Muncie;

Milton, who makes his home in Detroit; Wilson, of Illinois; Jesse, of Washington, D. C.; and Mary, now Mrs. Lambertson and a resident of Indianapolis. Mr. Carmichael maintains his relations with his army comrades by his membership in Williams Post, G. A. R., of which he served as its commander in 1906. He is a member of the Christian church, in which he has officiated as a minister for many years. He is thoroughly earnest and sincere in all his thoughts, words and deeds, and his noble, manly life has proved an inspiration to many of his old friends and associates.

**FREDERICK F. McCLELLAN.** In reviewing the prominent representatives of the Delaware county bar the name of Frederick F. McClellan is found among its younger members. His birth occurred near the city of Muncie on the 12th of August, 1875. His father, Frederick H. McClellan, a native of Greene county, Ohio, took up his abode within the borders of Delaware county in the early days of the '40s, settling on a farm a few miles from Muncie, where his death occurred on the 28th of July, 1875, about two weeks previous to the birth of his son Frederick. After his arrival in this county he married one of its native daughters, Mary Jewett, whose birth occurred in 1848. Her father, Jeremiah Jewett, was one of the first to cast his lot with Delaware county, arriving within its borders as early as 1838. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McClellan, one son and two daughters, all of whom are yet living.

Frederick F. McClellan received his literary education in the Muncie high school and the Georgetown University of Washington, D. C., and after the completion of this excellent training entered upon the study of law with Gregory, Silverburg & Lotz, and in the meantime was engaged in teaching school, serving as principal of the Jackson and Garfield schools. In 1904 he graduated from the law department of the Georgetown University, and immediately thereafter entered upon the practice of his profession in Muncie, in association with D. D. Hensel, the firm style being McClellan & Hensel. In the practice of his chosen profession Mr. McClellan is meeting with the success he so justly deserves, for he is a man of exceptional attainments and mental culture and one well calculated to assist in moulding the public thought and action of his community. He was appointed a member of the board of public works, entering upon the duties of that office in September, 1906, and in April, 1907, was appointed the city attorney of Muncie.

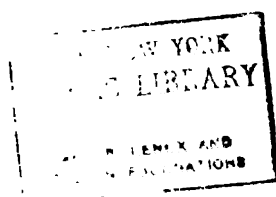
In his fraternal relations Mr. McClellan is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also associated with the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, being one of its valued members, and during the past two and a half years he has served as superintendent of its Sunday-school.

**GEORGE N. McLAUGHLIN**, who is well known to the citizens of Delaware county as one of its native sons, born on the 23d of April, 1845, is now practically retired from the active cares of life. In former years he occupied a distinctive position in the educational and political circles of his com-

munity, always faithful to his conceptions of the duties of citizenship and ever striving to advance the interests of his fellow men. His parents, John and Rachel (Beeler) McLaughlin, were both born in Ohio, and the former was of Irish and German descent. The grandfather, James McLaughlin, came to the United States from his native land of Ireland when a young man and located in the southern part of Ohio. Mr. John McLaughlin, who followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation, came to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1834, locating in Mount Pleasant township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of government land and there established a home for his family. He devoted the remainder of his life to the cultivation and improvement of his farm, and was an upright, popular and highly respected citizen. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and was a Methodist in his religious belief. In his family were five sons and three daughters, and all of the sons, William H., Orlando L., George N., James S. and Thomas J., served their country as soldiers during the Civil war, while one, James S., was called upon to lay down his life on its altar. He was captured while on picket duty in Georgia, and was shot to death by an enemy.

George N. McLaughlin farmed and attended school during his boyhood days, but during the Civil war he laid aside all personal considerations and enlisted for service in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days. At the expiration of that period he re-enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fortieth Infantry, with which he continued until his honorable discharge on the 11th of July, 1865, with the rank of corporal. He took part in many of the hard fought engagements of the war, including the battles of Murfreesboro, Town Creek, Goldsboro, Rolla and Greensborough, North Carolina, having been located at the latter place at the time of Lee's surrender. After the war he returned home and resumed his studies, while later he engaged in teaching school, continuing in that occupation for twenty-two years. With the exception of one year, all of that time was spent in Delaware county. His broad intelligence and scholarly attainments made him an able educator, and his name is inseparably interwoven with the educational interests of Delaware county. In 1888 he was elected the trustee of Center township, while in 1890 he was returned to that office by a very large majority. He takes a broad minded interest in the political situation of the country, and gives his support to the men and measures of the Republican party. In 1874 he practically laid aside the active cares of life and came to Muncie, where he is interested in real estate.

In 1870 Mr. McLaughlin was married to Miss Orintha Kilgore, whose death occurred in 1904, and he afterward wedded Minnie M. Puntenney. Mr. McLaughlin has relations with the Masonic order, being a member of its chapter, commandery and the Scottish Rite, he having attained the Thirty-second degree in Masonry. He is also a member of the order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men, the Grand Army of the





*Ulysses S. Poland, M.D.*

Republic, and is a worthy and consistent member of the Methodist church. He was an able educator, an efficient officer and is a representative and honored citizen.

ULYSSES G. POLAND, M. D. For eight years the official lists show that the office of coroner was filled by Dr. U. G. Poland. In addition to this unusual length of service for the county he has gained prominence in the profession as a regular practitioner of medicine, and has a successful practice in Muncie. Dr. Poland is a native son of Delaware county, born June 2, 1865, in the little community known as Sharon, in Delaware township, on the banks of the Mississinewa. Nicholas Poland, his father, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1833, was reared in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and came to Delaware county in 1854, where for many years he followed his trade—that of a carpenter. In 1876 he moved with his family on a farm in Hamilton township, where he lived until his death, in 1902. He led a busy, practical life, and was much esteemed by all who knew him. In early manhood he married Martha J. Dickover, a native of Indiana, who died in 1875.

During his youth the subject of this sketch worked on the farm and attended the neighborhood district schools, and later was a student for two years at the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso and one year at Delaware, Ohio. The career of Dr. Poland includes seven years' experience in the teaching profession, and it was during this time that he decided to enter the medical profession. Dr. A. P. Murray of Albany was his first preceptor in medicine, later continuing with Dr. G. R. Green of Muncie, and in 1892 he entered the Medical College of Indiana, from which he graduated in 1895. Having begun practice at once in Muncie, the subsequent twelve years have been marked by increased success as a physician. Dr. Poland is noted for the energy with which he pursues his vocation, for his enthusiastic research in professional subjects, and as a public-spirited citizen. He is a member of the Delaware County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Association and also of the American Medical Association. For eleven years he served as secretary and treasurer of the Delaware County Medical Society, during which time, largely through his influence, the society increased in interest and more than doubled in membership.

Outside of his profession Dr. Poland is interested in various activities and organizations. He is a member of Silver Shield Lodge No. 403, K. of P., at Muncie, and is a past chancellor of the order. In the First Presbyterian church he is an elder, and he and his wife are well known socially. He married, in 1896, Miss Grace E. McClellan, a daughter of Frederick and Mary F. McClellan, an old and well known family of the city and county. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Poland was a teacher in the public schools of Muncie. Her mother, who is still living, was one of the pioneer residents of the county.

M. B. BAIRD, a representative of one of Delaware county's most prominent families, and also one of its leading young lawyers and business men, is a native son of the Hoosier state, born in Jay county, Indiana, January 3, 1879. The family home was founded in that county by his grandfather, John Baird, whose birth occurred in Warren county, Ohio, but in an early day he took up his abode within the borders of Jay county and became one of its most prominent citizens. His son and the father of our subject, Dr. J. V. Baird, was born in that county, and in 1881 he removed with his family to Delaware county, establishing his home at Albany, where he yet resides. He is one of the leading physicians of the county, as well as one of its foremost citizens, and the family is thus prominently represented in two of the leading professions, the medical and the legal. In his early manhood Dr. Baird wedded Amelia Meeks, a native daughter of Ohio.

Their son, M. B. Baird, received an excellent literary education in the schools of Delaware county, and for a time thereafter was a student in the Columbia Law School of Washington, D. C. For two years after leaving that institution he taught school in Delaware county, after which he returned to Washington and during a similar period was in the government service. In 1903 he came to Muncie and entered the real estate field, where his thorough business ability and enterprise have won for him a well merited success. In both his social and business relations he is popular and influential, and his future, judging by the past, may be forecasted as characterized by great activity in the important things that concern the interests of society and good government.

In March, 1906, Mr. Baird was united in marriage to Emma Foster, a daughter of J. P. Foster, of Summitville, Delaware county. Mr. Baird is a member of the Masonic order in Albany, and also of the Presbyterian church.

T. J. BOWLES, M. D. One of the widely known and loved family physicians of Delaware county is Dr. T. J. Bowles, whose life has been filled with good deeds and labors of love toward his fellow men. He is yet a great student and endeavors to keep abreast of the times in everything relating to discoveries in medical science, and although progressive in his ideas and favoring modern methods as a whole, he does not dispense with many of the true and tried systems which have stood the test of years.

The birth of Dr. Bowles occurred in Milroy, Rush county, Indiana, July 24, 1836, his parents being James and Sarah Ann (Smith) Bowles, both natives of Cynthiana, Kentucky, and the former of English and the latter of German descent. In 1830 the parents came to Indiana, first locating in Rush county, where the father became very prominent as an agriculturist and stock man, his death occurring on the 18th of September, 1892, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife preceded him in death a few years, passing away on the 28th of January, 1886, when seventy-five years of age.

After completing his studies in the common schools of his home place

Dr. T. J. Bowles pursued a special course under Professor A. R. Benton, the well known educator, at Fairview Academy, and he was then competent to enter the school room as a teacher, following the profession in Rush county. During this time he had determined on the practice of medicine as his life occupation, and accordingly began study under the preceptorships of Drs. John Wall and A. C. Dillon, after which he took courses at the Medical College of Ohio, his graduation taking place in 1869, after he had practiced a few years. This, however, did not complete his medical training, for he afterward pursued a course in medicine in Rush Medical College and a special course in Bellevue Hospital of New York. He then entered upon the practice of his chosen profession at Windsor, Randolph county, and in 1874 came to Muncie, where he has ever since been actively engaged in professional work.

In 1860 Dr. Bowles was united in marriage to Miss Saphora E. Spangler, a daughter of Henry Spangler, of Delaware county, and they have five children living. One son, Herman S., graduated from the Medical College of Ohio, and is now practicing with his father, both having won for themselves prominent places in the professional life of Delaware county. In company with Dr. Kemper and others, Dr. Bowles, Sr., organized the first county medical society in Delaware county, and he also served as pension surgeon under Harrison's administration for four years. He is independent in his political affiliations, not binding himself by party ties, for he is a man of original ideas and has the courage of his convictions. He is respected by all who know him as an honest, outspoken, warm-hearted gentleman, one whom it is a delight to honor. He is also an interesting conversationalist, for his mind is rich in pleasant reminiscences of his early life in Delaware county and his experiences as a medical practitioner of the early days.

CHARLES E. MILLER, M. D. During the past ten years this representative member of the medical profession of Delaware county has made his home in Muncie, where he enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. He is progressive in all his methods, constantly reading and studying, and keeps in close touch with the spirit of the times. The birth of Dr. Miller occurred in Bellefontaine, Ohio, December 1, 1869, his parents being A. T. and Mary Miller, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland and of German descent. During his young manhood the father journeyed to Ohio, where he was for many years engaged in the real estate business, and he now resides in Bellefontaine.

After completing his literary education in the public schools of his native city Dr. Miller entered upon the study of the profession which he had determined to make his life work, graduating from the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1898. After a few months spent in hospital work in Chicago he came to Muncie and located permanently here. A man of deep research and study, he is well informed on the general principles of medicine, but has specialized in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

giving much time and thought to his special branches. He has made deep and careful research into the science to which he is devoting his life, and five times he has crossed the ocean to the old world to further perfect himself in his practice, having studied in Vienna and London, and his scholarly attainments and broad knowledge have gained him the distinctive prestige which he now enjoys.

In June, 1903, Dr. Miller was married to May H. Sanders, a native of Cincinnati and a daughter of David Sanders. He holds membership relations with the Muncie lodge of Masons, being also connected with its council, chapter and commandery, and is a member of the county, state and district medical societies and also of the American Medical Association. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church. In the city where he has so long resided he is held in the highest regard by his innumerable friends.

JACOB ARTHUR MEEKS. Prominent in the business circles of Muncie stands Jacob A. Meeks, whose life history exhibits a virtuous career of private industry, crowned with success. A community depends upon commercial activity, its welfare is due to this, and its promoters of legitimate and extensive business enterprises may well be termed its benefactors. Numbered among the leading business men of Delaware county is Jacob A. Meeks, whose birth occurred in the city of Muncie January 5, 1856. A sketch of his father, Robert Meeks, will be found elsewhere in this work. After graduating from the high school of his native city in 1873 the son Jacob A. became associated with the grocery firm of Maddy, Burt & Kirby, continuing at intervals with this firm for four years, and during that time he also took a commercial course at the Miami College of Dayton, Ohio. At the close of that period he secured the position of bookkeeper in a wholesale house in Toledo, and in 1880 came to Muncie and entered the employ of James Boyce as bookkeeper in his bagging factory, in the same year purchasing an eighth interest in the concern. In 1885, however, they sold the plant to the Muncie Bagging Company, and in the same year Mr. Meeks purchased a half interest from Mr. Boyce in the Muncie Handle Company, they continuing its operation with ever increasing success until the plant was destroyed by fire in April, 1893. Six weeks later, however, the works were rebuilt, on a much larger and more complete scale, and in 1895 Mr. Meeks assumed charge of the handle, rivet and machinery department, which he has since continued to operate with marked success. He is also interested in a lumber business and operates two saw mills, one in Muncie and one in Laurel. Delaware county, as well as Muncie, thus numbers him among her most enterprising business men, and he has achieved that success which is but the natural sequence of intrinsic worth of character.

In 1879 Mr. Meeks was united in marriage to Lydia J., a daughter of J. Milton Gray, of Delaware county, and they have one son, Earl G.

**WILLIAM P. KOONS.** For a number of years past William P. Koons has been engaged in the practice of law in Muncie. He is able and well posted in his profession, clear and convincing as a speaker before judge and jury, painstaking and accurate in the preparation of his cases, and conscientiously adheres to the spirit as well as to the letter of the law. Indiana claims him among her native sons, his birth occurring in Henry county on the 10th of December, 1862. His father was Peter Koons, whose history will be found in the sketch of Judge Koons elsewhere in this work.

William P. Koons received his early literary training in the public schools of Henry county, this being further supplemented by study in the high school of Muncie, Indiana, and for ten years thereafter he was a member of the teacher's profession, having taught his first school, the West Chapel school of Monroe township, when only fourteen years of age. After reading law for five years under the preceptorship of his brother, Judge Koons, he was admitted to the bar in 1891, and at once began the practice of his chosen profession in Muncie, where he has since built up a large and profitable practice. For two terms he served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Delaware county, but since that time has devoted his entire attention to his private practice, in which his superior ability has won for him marked success.

Mr. Koons was married on the 28th of June, 1892, when Miss Jennie Downs became his wife, she being a daughter of Samuel Downs, of Henry county, Indiana. Their two children are Rhea Katharine, born on the 10th of September, 1894, and Lillian Mildred, born February 10, 1903.

**JOHN W. SHAFER.** One of the first families to establish their home in Delaware county were the Shafers, and its descendants are now numerous and scattered over many sections of the United States, yet many of them still reside in Delaware county. The history of the family is one of more than ordinary interest, and in recording briefly its record in the history of Delaware county we deem it well to begin with the parent tree in America. He was John A. Shafer, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 15, 1775, and his death occurred in Hamilton county, Indiana, July 8, 1870. He was married in Germany to one of the fatherland's native daughters, Sabina Lieben, born December 2, 1772. They had the following children: George, born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 25, 1800, and he became the father of John W. Shafer; Catherine, born June 4, 1802, married Joseph Williamson; Adam, born February 16, 1804, married Eleanor Graves, and came to Delaware county in 1831; Rosanna married Peter Williamson, who was numbered among the pioneers of Delaware county and concerning whom information may be obtained in the sketch of James Williamson in this work; Christena married James Williamson; Sabina married first a Mr. Wilcoxson and afterward a Mr. Medsker; and Jacob, born October 18, 1814, married Rachael Frost. All of the children were born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and the father and the entire family left the fatherland in the latter part of

1819 for the United States. They were shipwrecked and the delayed arrival resulted in the spending of all their money, so that on reaching Baltimore, February 25, 1820, the father bound out three of his daughters for eighty dollars each in payment for their passage. The remainder of the family proceeded at once by wagon to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and from there by flat boat down the Monongahela and Ohio rivers to Portsmouth, Ohio. They located in Sciota county, and there in the fall of 1822 the mother died. Three and a half years after their arrival in Portsmouth George Shafer walked the entire distance to Baltimore to bring his sisters to their western home. The two youngest returned with him, but the oldest remained still longer. In 1832 the father moved to Hamilton county, Indiana, where his death occurred in 1870.

In the same year of the removal of the family to Hamilton county George Shafer came to Delaware county and entered from the government one hundred and sixty acres of land one and a half miles west of the then village of Muncietown, where he resided until his death on the 16th of September, 1891. On the 27th of September, 1827, he married Martha Wilcoxson, who bore him the following children: Margaret, Sabina Lieben, Levin W., John Willard, Louisa Ann, and her death occurred August 18, 1848. Mr. Shafer married for his second wife, May 11, 1851, Catherine Bradrick. She died October 11, 1879. In his youth Mr. Shafer was reared a Lutheran but in 1849 he became a Methodist. In politics he was a Democrat.

John W. Shafer, a well known citizen and farmer of Center township, was born within its borders June 2, 1842, a son of George and Martha (Wilcoxson) Shafer. He was reared as a farmer lad and received a common-school education. At the age of twenty-two years he began the battle of life for himself as a farmer, and to this occupation he has devoted his life's activities. On the 24th of May, 1864, Mr. Shafer enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days' service in the Civil war, and was honorably discharged September 2, 1864. His homestead farm, where his father settled on coming to this county and which he has owned since his death, is located just west of Muncie, and is a valuable estate.

Mr. Shafer married, November 22, 1874, Mary E. Howell, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, April 21, 1853, and their children are George D., Bessie, Robie W. and Lina. Mrs. Shafer is a most excellent lady and a communicant of the Baptist church. She is a daughter of Daniel P. and Mary (McKinley) Howell, the former of whom was born in Miami

valuable counsel and the activities of his useful manhood were of great moment to the advancement of the interests of his community. But the work of these brave pioneers is nearly complete, and among those who helped to build an empire and have passed to their final reward is William Heaton, who passed away at his home in this county September 19, 1888. He was born in Virginia on the 11th of February, 1811, but when only fourteen years of age he came to Indiana, and after living for three years in Randolph county he came to Delaware county. He was married in the year of 1838 to Miss Experience Walburn, who was born in Ohio, near Xenia, in July, 1817, and her death occurred at their home in Center township on the 4th of December, 1893. She bore her husband the following children: Matilda, the wife of John Kiger, of Muncie; Catherine, deceased; Lydia, the wife of George Gates; Robert, a resident of Missouri; Joseph, of Muncie; Jefferson, a resident farmer of Center township; William, the subject of this review; and John and Eliza, both deceased. Mr. Heaton, the father, began life for himself a poor man, but his indefatigable efforts and excellent business ability won for him the later success which was his to enjoy. He studied closely the issues and questions of the day and gave his political allegiance to the Republican party. During twenty years of his life he was a worthy and valued member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Heaton was also a member with that denomination.

William Heaton, a prominent and well known agriculturist of Center township and a son of William Sr., was born on his father's farm in Center township, October 1, 1852, and agriculture has continued as his life occupation. His estate now consists of one hundred and nineteen acres of rich and fertile land, on which he has made many valuable improvements.

On the 28th of December, 1879, Mr. Heaton married Miss Adda Gibson, who was born in Monroe township, Delaware county, December 8, 1857, a daughter of Andrew and Rebecca (Carmichael) Gibson. The father was born in Tennessee March 8, 1811, and was married in 1836, their union being blessed by the birth of eleven children. For fifty-two years they traveled the journey of life together, but on the 28th of February, 1888, the husband and father was called to the home beyond, his wife joining him there on the 10th of October, 1896. He was a Republican in his political affiliations and was reared in the Quaker faith. Mrs. Gibson was a member of the Christian church. Her daughter, Mrs. Heaton, is also a member of that denomination. The political affiliations of Mr. Heaton are with the Republican party, and in the community in which he has so long made his home he is honored for his true worth and ability.

**NATHAN ANDERSON.** One of the best known and most prominent families of Delaware county is the Andersons, many of whose representatives now reside within its borders and are prominently identified with its business and social interests, and to Nathan Anderson belongs the honor of platting the town of Andersonville in 1897, now a village of over one hundred

people. Farming has been his life occupation, and, in addition, he is extensively engaged in the sale of the Page fence wire, which has proved a valuable acquisition to his business interests. He is a native son of Adams county, Ohio, born on the 23d of July, 1855, his parents being Daniel and Ann L. (Wallace) Anderson. The father spent his entire life within sight of the place of his nativity in Adams county, Ohio, dying there at the age of seventy-five years. His wife was also born in that county and reached the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten ere she was called to the home beyond. In their family were eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, of whom seven are now living and all residents of Delaware county, save one son. Mr. Anderson, the father, served as a brave and valiant soldier throughout the Civil war in an Ohio regiment.

Nathan Anderson attained to manhood's estate in the commonwealth of his nativity, but on the 13th of March, 1874, he left his Ohio home for Delaware county, Indiana, having ever since been identified with its farming interests, and Center township numbers him among its leading business men. As a representative of the Democracy he takes an active interest in public affairs, and he has fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows and the Red Men. He is a member of the United Brethren church.

On the 7th of August, 1877, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Alice A. Phillips, who was born July 24, 1852, in Warren county, Ohio, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Stewart) Phillips, both also natives of that county. The father, who was born on the 2d of April, 1822, died in Delaware county, Indiana, April 3, 1893, while the mother, born April 17, 1830, died here on the 11th of August, 1881. They were married in Ohio, and their union was blessed with one child, Mrs. Anderson. The family came to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1856, establishing their home first in Salem township, but in 1858 they took up their abode in Center township on the farm on which Mr. Anderson now lives. The first apple tree which he set out on this place is still standing, a sentinel over the old log barn which remains as a mute reminder of the early days in Delaware county. Mr. Phillips was a staunch and true pioneer, loved and revered for his many noble characteristics, and he gave to the Democracy his active support and co-operation.

JAMES I. HAINES, one of the prominent and well known farmers of Center township, was born in Allen county, Ohio, July 19, 1841, a son of William and Phoebe (Fisher) Haines, natives respectively of Ohio and Virginia. In their family were three children, James I., Samuel (deceased) and Mary. The father died when his son James was a little lad of seven years, and the mother lived to the advanced age of eighty years.

James I. Haines spent his mature years in the town of Center, Ind.

Pleasant township, and at that time Muncie was but a village and much of the surrounding country was heavily timbered. On the 2d of June, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving as a private until the close of the struggle, and during his military career he participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, the Second Bull Run, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and many others. He served in the Army of the Potomac throughout the entire period of his enlistment, and at the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded in the right leg. He continued as a brave and valiant soldier during the conflict, and at its close, when his country no longer needed his services, he received an honorable discharge and returned to Delaware county. During the following two years Mr. Haines worked as a farm hand, and he was then married and located on the farm which has ever since been his home, twenty-three years having elapsed since he took up his abode thereon.

The marriage of Mr. Haines was celebrated in 1866, Miss Elizabeth Fisher becoming his wife, and they have had four children, one of whom died when six years of age, and the three living are: John, Thadeus and Charles, all of whom are residents of Muncie. Mrs. Haines was born in the township of Muncie, a daughter of John and Mary (Henple) Fisher, natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively and early settlers of Muncie. The Republican party receives Mr. Haines' active support and co-operation. During his life time he has gained many warm personal friends, and all who know him have the highest admiration for his good qualities of heart and mind.

JOHN R. HINES. Perhaps no other citizen of Delaware county has resided within its borders during a longer period than has Mr. John R. Hines. He was reared amid its pioneer scenes, and in the olden days attended the primitive log school house with its greased paper windows, and they were known as pay or subscription schools. And even the limited advantages which these crude schools offered he was permitted to enjoy during only a few weeks throughout the year, for his services were needed at home on the farm. But the privations, hardships and earnest labor of these brave pioneers of Delaware county have resulted in establishing one of the foremost commonwealths in America.

Mr. Hines was born in Randolph county, Indiana, June 8, 1828, his parents being John and Rachael (Branson) Hines. The father was born in North Carolina March 17, 1789, and his death occurred in Monroe township of Delaware county in 1865. He was married in Highland county, Ohio, to a native daughter of Virginia, and her death occurred in 1838, when about forty-seven years of age. She bore her husband thirteen children, of whom John R. is the twelfth in order of birth and the only one now living. Her father, Robert Branson, was an early settler of Highland county, Ohio, and his wife before marriage was Beulah Painter. For his second wife Mr. Hines married Rebecca Branson, a sister of his first wife, and they became

the parents of four children. From Highland county, Ohio, the family moved to Randolph county, Indiana, and in about 1830 came to Delaware county, casting in their lot with the first settlers of Perry township. After a residence there of about eight years they came to Monroe township, where the father spent the remainder of his life, he having been throughout his business career a prosperous and well known agriculturist. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations up to 1844, when he transferred his allegiance to the Whigs and later became a Republican.

John R. Hines was but a babe of two years when the family became residents of Delaware county, so that nearly the entire period of his long and useful life has been spent within its borders. Remaining in the parental home until the age of twenty-one, he then began the battle of life for himself, working first as a farm hand for wages, and later farmed on rented land. During the western gold excitement of 1851 he went to California, making the journey via New York and the Isthmus to San Francisco, spending three years in search of the precious metal in the Golden state and returning with a capital of three thousand dollars. He made the return journey by the same route and reaching Delaware county he purchased his present estate of two hundred acres, paying on an average of twenty dollars an acre, while the land is now worth at the least one hundred dollars an acre. Twenty acres of the tract was a dense woods at the time of the purchase, but with the passing years he cleared his land and placed it under an excellent state of cultivation, his being now one of the finest estates of Center township.

In 1853 Mr. Hines married Abigail Mansfield, the daughter of Charles Mansfield, and her death occurred about nineteen years ago. The issue of this union was nine children, two of whom died in childhood, and a son, Charles, died at the age of forty-nine years. He had married Lydia Langdon, and at his death left three children, Chester, Mabel and Ruth. Those living are: Hannah, who married Oliver McConnell, and has five children, Frank, Jane, Jesse, John and Hendricks; Frank, a prominent farmer of Center township, married Lucy Armitage and has eight children, Ina, Claude, Berle, Grace, John, Nellie, Walter and Blanche; George, an agriculturist in Kansas, married Ella Pearson and has five children, Eleanora, Edith, Henry L., Albert and Otto; Eleanor married Eldon Canada and has two children, Abigail and Cora; Lucy married Oliver Williams and has two children, Walter and Evangeline; and William, a resident of Muncie, married Catherine Neeley and has three children, Glendola, Hugh and Paul. Mr. Hines has eight great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hines was a faithful wife

A. H. GOOD, M. D. As a medical practitioner Dr. Good has won distinction, and though but a short time has passed since he became a resident of Muncie, he enjoys an extensive and remunerative practice. He is progressive in all his methods, constantly reading and studying, and keeps in close touch with the spirit of the times. The family have been identified with the interests of the Hoosier state during a long period, for it was during his boyhood days that John W. Good, the father of the Doctor, came with his widowed mother to Wayne county, where he continued to reside until advancing age made it necessary for him to lay aside the active cares of a business life, when he went to Selma and spent his remaining days there, his death there occurring in 1900, when he had reached the eighty-fourth milestone on the journey of life. In his young manhood he had married Mornin Howell, a native of Indiana, but of North Carolina parentage.

Dr. Alonzo H. Good, their son, was born on the old family homestead in Wayne county, Indiana, September 22, 1843, and was therefore but a lad of nineteen years when called upon to lay aside for a time the ambitions of his youth and serve his native land, enlisting in 1862 in Company D, Sixty-ninth Indiana Infantry, in which he served for three years. During a part of that time he was a member of the medical department, for he had read medicine a short time before entering the service. After the close of the conflict Dr. Good found employment in a store, but shortly resumed his medical studies under the preceptorship of Dr. Clarke, of Economy, Indiana, with whom he remained for two years. During the following fourteen years he was engaged in the practice of medicine in Bloomingsport, this state, and from 1880 until September, 1906, was a member of the medical profession in Selina, Indiana. It was in the latter year that Dr. Good came to Muncie, and the large practice which he has received in the short time which has since elapsed is indicative of his skill and ability.

In 1866 Dr. Good was married to Nancy Green, and after her death Miss Sadie B. Personette, a daughter of Dr. Personette, of Wayne county, became his wife. By the first marriage there were four children, but only two are now living, Lillian May, the wife of Professor Bowers, of Muncie, and Edna Luella, now Mrs. Somers, and also a resident of this city. Dr. Good is a member of the County, District, State and American Medical Associations. He was honored by the chairmanship of the county at different times and by the secretaryship and presidency of the District Society. He was appointed and served as a member of the United States Pension Board under the Harrison administration, and as an examiner for several life insurance companies.

NOAH D. BERRY. For many years Dr. Noah D. Berry has followed the practice of medicine in Muncie, and his name has become a household word in the homes of this community. His long identification with the

city and his prominence here entitles him to more than a passing notice in a work of this character, devoted as it is to the portrayal of the lives of representative men and women of the county. He was born in Darke county, Ohio, June 10, 1854, the son of Elisha and Jane (Perry) Berry, natives also of Darke county, Ohio, where the father was well known as a farmer and contractor, his death there occurring in 1897, when he had reached the age of seventy-four years, while the wife survived until 1902, passing away at the age of seventy-nine years.

Noah D. Berry, the youngest son in a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, received his literary training in the schools of Darke county, and after his education was completed he taught school for two years. In that time he had formed the determination to engage in the practice of medicine, and as a means to that end began study under the preceptorship of Dr. J. E. Fackler, while later he attended the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati. Thus with an excellent foundation on which to begin his life work he began practice at Losantville, Indiana, where for one year he was in partnership with Dr. Franks, now of Muncie. After leaving that city Dr. Berry practiced for nine years in Ohio, going thence in 1885 to Spartenburg, Indiana, and came to Muncie in 1898, and has remained here ever since engaged in the practice of his profession. His long professional career has been attended with marked success, and those who have known him longest esteem him most highly. He is a Democrat in his political views, having always taken a deep interest in the political and public affairs of his locality, and during his residence in Darke county, Ohio, he served for four years as the county coroner.

In 1877 Dr. Berry was united in marriage to Annie M. Apple, also a native of Darke county, born in 1859, the daughter of William Apple, who was the father of four children, three sons and a daughter. Dr. Berry is deeply interested in the affairs of the city which has been his home for so many years, and in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindness and geniality. He is a member of many of the city's social organizations, and fraternally is connected with Harmony Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Red Men, Aknob Tribe No. 449, of Muncie, Indiana.

QUINCE WALLING. During a number of years past Mr. Walling has been prominently identified with the public affairs of Muncie. His entire life has been passed in the city and has been one of uniform honor in

After completing his education in the public schools of Muncie, the son, Quince Walling, was identified with the bakery business for two years, and then became connected with the artificial gas business. In 1886 he became associated with the water company, where he began at the very bottom of the ladder, gradually working his way upward and familiarizing himself with every detail of the business until he assumed his present high position of superintendent and manager, having discharged the duties of those offices during the past sixteen years. In that time many important improvements have been instituted in the works, the most recent of which is the new and up-to-date filter plant. He has been efficient and faithful in the discharge of his duties, making a most competent official and thus winning the regard of his fellow citizens.

In 1889 Mr. Walling was united in marriage to Gertrude A., a daughter of Leonard Shick, one of the honored early residents of Delaware county, and they have three children, Helen E., Joseph C. and Martha G. The family are identified with the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Walling also affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

G. R. ANDREWS, M. D. During the years which mark the period of Dr. Andrews' professional career he has met with gratifying success, and though his residence in Muncie dates back but a few years, he has won the good will and patronage of many of the leading citizens and families of the place. Many years have passed, however, since the family became identified with Delaware county, for the paternal grandfather, Daniel H. Andrews, was one of its early pioneers and became well known within its limits as a physician. The great-grandfather, Goldsmith Gilbert, was also numbered among its earliest residents, and his daughter Mary was the first girl born within its borders; also the first white child born in the township. John E. Andrews, the father of our subject, was a native son of Delaware county and is now a miller and a well known business man of Muncie. He married Hannah Youngling, a native of Connersville, Indiana.

Dr. Andrews was born in Noble county, Indiana, August 20, 1874, but his early literary education was obtained in the public schools of Muncie, and his medical training in the Medical College of Indiana, from which he graduated with the class of 1897. In 1905 he completed a post-graduate course. During seven years and a half he practiced his profession in Mount Summit, Indiana, coming thence in 1905 to Muncie, where his professional career has been attended with marked success. In April, 1906, he established a private hospital for surgical cases, which is supplied with the most complete and modern appliances and is one of the valued institutions of the city.

In 1897 Dr. Andrews was united in marriage to Elizabeth Haymond, a daughter of William Haymond, who was a native of Virginia but an

early resident of Delaware county and a gallant soldier of the Civil war. They have one son, Edwin, who was born on the 9th of December, 1899. The Doctor is a member of the county, state and national medical societies, and also of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

LEWIS L. PERDUE. The Perdue family is one of the oldest in Delaware county and since the time of its foundation here its members have been noted for their sterling traits of character. Its founder, Rev. Abner Perdue, was the father of Lewis L. and was one of the earliest ministers of the Methodist church in this section of Indiana. He devoted himself without ceasing to the interests of humanity and to the furtherance of all good works, and his power and influence upon the early history of Delaware county was of no restricted order. A more complete history of the family will be found in the sketch of S. B. Perdue in this volume.

When Lewis L. Perdue was but eleven years of age he suffered the loss of his honored father, and he then went to live with his cousin, Harvey Heath, in Monroe township, Delaware county, where he was employed at farm labor. During that time he saved some money and when twenty-one years of age engaged in the mercantile business in Cowan, becoming the proprietor of a general store, also serving as postmaster under Harrison, as the agent for the Lake Erie & Western Railroad and also as an express agent. The year 1892 witnessed his arrival in Muncie, where he has gained an enviable position in its business circles as a broker and real estate dealer, having by honorable and correct methods gained the confidence of his fellow townsmen. In politics he has been a Republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, though not an active partisan and in no sense a politician.

On the 23d of September, 1888, Mr. Perdue was united in marriage to Laura A. Lykins, a daughter of Philip Lykins, who was born and reared in Delaware county. Two children have been born of this union: Lula V., whose birth occurred on the 10th of December, 1891, and Clarence C., born July 25, 1895. The fraternal relations of Mr. Perdue connect him with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He keeps well informed on the issues of the day, both politically and otherwise, and at all times has manifested a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the city of his adoption. He is a man of genial temperament and genuine worth and is popular and respected in all circles.

CLARENCE W. DEARTH. Clarence W. Dearth, who recently served two terms as prosecuting attorney of Delaware county and is one of the leaders among the younger generation of lawyers in this county, was born

age of fifteen. Among his earlier experiences, work as a farm hand and in the Ball Brothers factory at fifty cents a day gave him the money with which he completed his education. By these means he saved a hundred dollars, after which he entered school at Valparaiso and pursued a commercial and scientific course. Now followed another interim during which he resorted to wage earning in order to accumulate enough to carry him further in the desired training for his profession. For two years he was bookkeeper for O. W. Crabbs, and in a similar capacity with T. J. Ault & Company for some time; also taught six terms of school in Union township and a normal school at Eaton. Returning to Valparaiso he laid the foundation for the study of law, and in May, 1897, entered the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis, where he was graduated in May, 1899.

On receiving qualifications for practice he formed a partnership with George E. Cox, their office being at 206½ E. Main street. In November, 1899, he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney and by re-election held that office four years. Mr. Dearth made a good record while in office as representative of the state and people, and as a part of his official duties he was called upon to prosecute twelve murderers. He has taken an active part in politics during the last ten years, having spoken in nearly every schoolhouse in Delaware county. Since retiring from the prosecutor's office he has resumed the practice of law, having an office in the Wysor block.

Mr. Dearth married November 15, 1899. He is affiliated with several fraternal orders, and Mrs. Dearth is active in club work.

AMOS O. STANLEY. The name of Amos O. Stanley is inscribed high on the roll of the representatives of the legal profession. His superior ability has won him marked success, has crowned him with high judicial honors and has placed him among the leaders in his profession. His birth occurred in Marion county, West Virginia, May 11, 1869, his parents being Henderson and Margaret (Bunner) Stanley, both also natives of that commonwealth. After completing his studies in the common schools of the county of his nativity young Stanley became a student in the Fairmont State Normal, and later, in 1898, graduated from the law department of the West Virginia University with the degree of LL. B. From the time of his graduation until 1906 he practiced his chosen profession in Fairmont, West Virginia, coming at the close of that period to Muncie, he having married one of Delaware county's native daughters. Since becoming a member of the legal profession Mr. Stanley has been the recipient of many political honors, having from 1903 to 1904 served as a representative from Marion county in the West Virginia legislature, while for three years he was also city attorney of Fairmont, having resigned that position to come to Muncie.

On the 28th of June, 1899, Mr. Stanley was united in marriage to **Mattie** Shuttleworth, a daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (**Felton**)

Shuttleworth, and a representative of two of the honored pioneer families of Delaware county. One little son, Myron Dwight, has blessed their union, his birth occurring on the 8th of July, 1900. Mr. Stanley holds membership relations with the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows and is also a worthy member of the Methodist church.

IRA J. YOUNG. An attorney at law, has been a resident of Muncie since 1899, in which year he took up his abode in this city to engage in his chosen profession of the law, coming from Ripley county, Indiana, where he was born on his father's farm July 31, 1870. His parents were Joab and Margaret E. (Mullan) Young, both natives of Indiana, where the father was a successful farmer, stock raiser and dealer. He is now deceased, but the wife and mother is living. They resided near the town of Osgood and there the son was reared, receiving his elementary education in the Osgood schools. Thereafter he was a teacher for four years, attending and teaching school alternately, and in the meantime was a student in the Danville (Indiana) Normal, from which he graduated in the literary department in 1891 and from the law department in 1896. To further prepare himself for the profession which he had chosen as a life work he entered the law department of the Indiana University, in which he graduated in 1889, and immediately thereafter he came to Muncie. During the intervening years of his residence here Mr. Young has gained an excellent clientage and is fast forging his way to the front in the line of his profession.

He is a Master Mason, a Red Man, a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and in politics is a staunch Republican, active as a worker and forcible as a speaker in the support of the men and measures of the party.

BEECHER W. BENNETT. For many years Beecher W. Bennett has occupied a conspicuous place among the leading business men of Muncie. He is prominently connected with its manufacturing interests and through the channels of trade has contributed not alone to his individual prosperity, but to the welfare of Delaware county as well. His birth occurred near Frankfort, in Clinton county, Indiana, April 1, 1857, his parents being Samuel and Nancy (Kyger) Bennett, both also natives of that county.

Beecher W. Bennett attended the public schools of Clinton county and also the Valparaiso University, and after his graduation from that well known institution he taught for a number of years, finally engaging in the

time until 1906 was the sole proprietor of the large institution. His career has been that of an honorable, enterprising and progressive business man, and in all life's relations he has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he comes in contact.

On the 19th of September, 1883, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Minnie P. Payden, a daughter of William Payden, of Dayton, Indiana, and they have one child, Bertha Frances. Mr. Bennett is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, holding membership relations with Muncie Lodge, No. 433, F. & A. M., Muncie Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Muncie Commandery, No. 18, K. T., and has filled all the chairs in the order. He is also a member of the Indianapolis Consistory, and his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church. He is a valued factor in business, church, fraternal and social circles, where his upright life and genial temperament make him a favorite.

GEORGE W. BROOKS is the well known proprietor of the Brooks Creamery. This prominent industrial institution of Muncie was established in June, 1887, and has been in continuous operation since that time. It is a modern establishment in all its appointments, furnishing a valuable addition to the business interests of Delaware county, and during his career it has gained a widespread reputation. The stations of the creamery are located at Parker and Gaston, to which milk is brought from a wide extent of territory, and from there is brought to the creamery in Muncie.

Mr. Brooks is a native son of New Jersey, born in Cumberland county on the 11th of September, 1850, but when only six years of age, at the time of his mother's death, he left his native county, and during the following fourteen years he made his home with an uncle in Chester county, Pennsylvania. His parents were Lewis M. and Rachel (Wilson) Brooks, and the father spent his life in New Jersey, dying at the age of seventy-four years. He was twice married, and by his first wife, the mother of George W. Brooks, he had two sons and three daughters.

During his boyhood days Mr. Brooks received a fair common school education, and in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, he learned the trade of a miller, but he never followed that calling and instead was engaged in agricultural pursuits from 1870 to 1886, first in Cumberland county, New Jersey, for two years. In 1873 he came to Delaware county, Indiana, where he worked for wages for a time, and after his marriage he bought land and lived in Hamilton township until 1885. In that year he took up his abode in Muncie and in the following year established his creamery. Success has attended his efforts from the start and with the passing years he has gained prominence in the business world until now he occupies a distinctive place among the leading men of affairs in Delaware county.

Mr. Brooks married, in 1880, Naomi, the daughter of Aaron Moore, and her death occurred in 1884, leaving one child, Mary E. In 1894 Mr. Brooks married Mrs. Emma Howell, nee Moore. He is a Republican in

his political affiliations, has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Red Men, and both he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church.

**ROBERT ELDRIDGE STEVENSON.** Although one of the younger members of the Delaware county bar, Mr. Robert E. Stevenson is fast forging his way to the front as an attorney, winning for himself marked distinction in one of the highest callings to which man can devote his energies. He has been a resident of Muncie since 1904, and during the intervening period has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession and has gained a desirable clientage. A native of Hendricks county, Indiana, Mr. Stevenson was born on his father's farm near North Salem, August 24, 1874, his parents being Wesley and Mary C. (Dodd) Stevenson, both of whom were born in Indiana. The father has devoted his business career to farming, and during the Civil war he also served as a valiant soldier in the Union cause.

Robert E. Stevenson was reared on the homestead farm, attending the public schools and graduating from the high school of his native county. Predilection led him to the study of law, and after studying for a time under the preceptorship and in the office of a practicing lawyer he took a law course in the Central Normal School at Danville, Indiana. In 1902 he was admitted to the bar and has since been admitted to practice in the Indiana state supreme court and also in the United States courts. In politics he is a thorough Democrat. His fraternal relations connect him with the Masonic order, in which he has reached the thirty-second degree, and also with the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Stevenson by his own exertions and energy has forged his way to the front in all the relations of life. He gained his education at his own expense and from an early age has been thrown entirely upon his own resources.

**GEORGE R. ANDREWS.** The Andrews family is one of the historic ones of Delaware county. Many years have passed since they became identified with its history and one of its honored representatives was Dr. D. H. Andrews, who in an early day practiced his profession here, and his name became a noted one in this section of the state. He married Mary J. Gilbert, whose father, Goldsmith C. Gilbert, was also numbered among the honored early pioneers of the county.

G. R. Andrews, a son of Dr. D. H. and Mary (Gilbert) Andrews, was born in Delaware county, Indiana, on the 2d of February, 1855. His educational training was received in the schools of his native county, and in the early part of his business career he became a bookkeeper. In 1879 he engaged

In October, 1879, Mr. Andrews married Miss Emerica J., a daughter of James L. Daugherty, one of Delaware county's earliest and prominent residents.

R. O. TIDRICK, M. D. In the medical profession advancement is not easily secured; it comes only through true merit. And that Dr. Tidrick has secured a large patronage, although he is one of the younger practitioners, is indicative of his skill and ability. His birth occurred in Carroll county, Indiana, March 16, 1873, his parents being R. R. and Alice (Wingard) Tidrick, both also natives of this commonwealth. During a period of over forty years the father was engaged in the practice of medicine, his name becoming a household word in the community in which he so long made his home, but he is now living quietly retired from the cares of active labor at his pleasant home in Carroll county.

After completing his education in the country schools of his native county Dr. Tidrick of this review was engaged in teaching for one year and in 1891 was in Purdue University, engaged in the study of pharmacy. He then entered upon the study of medicine under the able instructions of his father, and later, in 1897, graduated from the Medical College of Indiana. In the same year of his graduation he entered upon the active practice of medicine with his father, continuing his connection with that able and well known practitioner until his removal to Muncie in 1901. Here his professional career has been attended with marked success, his promptness, his sympathetic nature and his generosity being among his chief characteristics, and those who have known him longest esteem him most highly. Although he is well versed in the general medical science, he makes a specialty of genito urinary diseases and is winning renown in his special department.

L. L. BALL, M. D. As a medical practitioner Dr. Ball has won distinction and throughout the period of his residence in Muncie he has enjoyed an extensive and remunerative practice. He is progressive in all his methods, constantly reading and studying, and keeps in close touch with the spirit of the times. His birth occurred in Greensburg, Ohio, March 29, 1850, his parents being Lucius and Maria P. (Bingham) Ball, both natives of the Dominion of Canada. During the '30s the father removed to Ohio, where he became a prominent and well known contractor and builder, and he also spent several years in the South engaged in the same line of business. In 1866 he transferred his residence to Canandaigua, New York, where his life's labors were ended in death in 1876, at the age of sixty-four years.

Dr. Ball, the eldest of the Ball brothers, who are so prominent and well known in the manufacturing and mercantile circles of Muncie

University of Buffalo, where he was graduated in 1888. During the year following his graduation he practiced his chosen profession in that city and then spent two years as interne in the Adrian Hospital of Pennsylvania, from whence he returned to Buffalo. In 1895 Dr. Ball came to Muncie, where he has built up an excellent practice and has won the commendation of the public and his professional brethren. In order to keep abreast of the many new discoveries which are being constantly made in the profession he holds membership relations with the state and national medical societies.

The marriage of Dr. Ball was celebrated in 1894, when Sarah Rodgers, of Buffalo, New York, became his wife, and they hold a high place in the social circles of Muncie. They have one daughter, Helen. The Doctor is a member of Muncie Lodge, No. 433, F. & A. M.; of Muncie Commandery, No. 18, K. T., and Muncie Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., and has taken the thirty-second degree. He is medical director of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company, physician and surgeon to the Ball Brothers Manufacturing Company, and a stockholder in that corporation.

JOHN MCPHEE, a prominent representative of the bar of eastern Indiana, has for a number of years past been engaged in the practice of his profession in Muncie. His birth occurred in Michigan on the 27th of January, 1868, his parents being Archibald and Mary (McDonald) McPhee, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Scotland. In the early '50s the father removed to Michigan, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and both he and his wife still reside in that commonwealth.

After graduating from the common schools of his native locality in Michigan, John McPhee, whose name introduces this review, was engaged in teaching for five years, and during that time was also engaged in the study of law. In 1895 he completed the course and graduated from the Detroit Law School, after which he began the practice of his chosen profession in Albany, Delaware county, Indiana, while in 1898 he became a citizen of Muncie. His long identification with this city and his prominence therein has made his name a familiar one in legal circles. He spares neither time nor labor in his legal investigation and preparation, and he is known as a man of high attainments and practical ability as a lawyer and as one who has achieved success in his profession.

For his wife Mr. McPhee chose May C. Charman, their wedding having been celebrated in June, 1903. She is a daughter of James Charman, one of the honored pioneers of Delaware county, and by a previous marriage she was the mother of one daughter, born on the 28th of December, 1901. One son, John Charman, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. McPhee, his birth occurring March 12, 1905. For many years Mr. McPhee has been a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party in Delaware

CLAYTON B. TEMPLER. The prestige of Clayton B. Templer at the bar of Delaware county stands in evidence of his ability and his intrinsic worth of character. He has used his intellect to the best purpose, and his career has been based upon the assumption that nothing save industry, perseverance, sturdy integrity and fidelity to duty will lead to success. The birth of Mr. Templer occurred near Portland, in Jay county, Indiana, June 10, 1850, a son of George W. and Hannah S. (Nedsker) Templer, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. It was during the pioneer days in the history of Indiana that the parents took up their abode in Jay county and the father became a man of prominence in his community. He was a leader in the ranks of the local Democracy and as its representative served as a justice of the peace, county recorder, county treasurer, county commissioner, and in many other positions of trust and responsibility. He was also a prominent member of the Masonic order and in the faith of the Methodist church, of which he had long been a devout and faithful member, he passed away in death in 1882.

Clayton B. Templer, one of his parents' eight children, obtained his literary education in the country schools and the Ridgville College. His highest ambition was to become a lawyer, and to perfect himself in the profession he began study under the preceptorship of his brother, James N. Templer, at Portland, later, in 1872, coming to Muncie and entering the office of Templer & Gregory. In the year of 1873 he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his chosen calling in this city, where, by reason of his strong intellectuality, he has risen above the ranks of the many and become a leader in thought and action, his influence extending not only into the professional but to the political circles as well.

In the year 1878 Mr. Templer was united in marriage to Clara J. Ireland, a daughter of A. C. Ireland, of Delaware county.

OSCAR W. CRABBS. Honored and respected by all, Oscar W. Crabbs has for a long period been prominently identified with the public affairs of Muncie, and for a number of years past has served as the superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery. He was born near Dayton, Ohio, March 2, 1852, a son of Benjamin F. and Louisa F. (Folkerth) Crabbs, both also natives of the Buckeye state, the paternal family having been founded in that commonwealth by the grandfather of Oscar W. Crabbs, Benjamin F. Crabbs, who removed thither from his native state of Maryland. It was there that the subject of this review received his educational training, and there he also followed the tilling of the soil until his removal to Muncie in 1884. Here he turned his attention to the grain and hay business, continuing in that line of trade for twelve years, on the expiration of which period he was made the superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, the duties of which position he has discharged with promptness and fidelity worthy of all commendation. Always an active worker in the interests of this city, he served for eight years as a member of its city council, and

from 1893 until 1896 had charge of the city parks, while to him belongs the honor of instituting many of their most valuable improvements, such as the laying out of the drives and roads, etc. He has also made of Beech Grove a beautiful city of the dead, with its artificial lakes and excellent drives, its beautiful arch at the entrance and the mortuary chapel built of field boulders. Being a natural landscape gardener, he is particularly fitted for the position he now holds.

In 1872 Mr. Crabbs was united in marriage to May E. Hosier, a daughter of Robert and Hannah (Lemon) Hosier, and they have three children: Claudia, now Mrs. Charles Parker Sample, Frank D. and Robert B. Mr. Crabbs is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Elks fraternities, and both he and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has served as trustee and was a member of the building committee when the present edifice was erected.

FRANK D. HAIMBAUGH. Perhaps no enterprise to which man directs his energies brings one into closer touch with the people and the vital interests of the time than the labor of the newspaper correspondent. Through many years Mr. Haimbaugh has been connected with journalism, and he is now the editor of the leading paper of Delaware county, the *Muncie Press*, his labors advancing it to a foremost position in journalistic circles. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in September, 1856, a son of David and Margaret (Leonard) Haimbaugh. In 1863 the family removed from the Buckeye state to Fulton county, Indiana, where the little lad was early inured to the duties of the farm. The early educational training which he received in the district schools was supplemented by attendance at the Rochester high school, in which he was graduated in 1878. Two years later, in 1880, he completed the scientific course and graduated from the Northern Indiana Normal College at Valparaiso, Indiana, his excellent educational training then enabling him to enter the school room as a teacher, which profession he followed for fifteen years, four of them being spent as principal of the Brookston Academy. In 1885, without his seeking the office, he was made the superintendent of schools for his home county of Fulton, his broad intelligence and full appreciation of the value of knowledge as a preparation for life's responsibilities enabling him to advance the intellectual status of the community, and he gained a high place in the educational circles of the state. Severing his connection with the profession, Mr. Haimbaugh in 1887 engaged in the insurance business in Iowa and Indiana, but this occupation not proving

Mr. Haimbaugh is also especially active in the support of the Democratic party, his influence in political circles being most marked. In 1889 he was elected doorkeeper for the Indiana house of representatives, to which position he was returned in 1891, an honor never before conferred upon any man. In 1893 he was elected by a unanimous vote to the office of secretary of the Democratic Editorial Association of State, which position he filled for a number of years, when he succeeded to one term as president of the association. He is now serving as a member of the police board of the city of Muncie. During five of the past six years he has been secretary of the Commercial Club of Muncie, to which organization he gives time and thought.

The marriage of Mr. Haimbaugh was celebrated in May, 1890, when Emma Elginfritz, of Warsaw, Indiana, became his wife. He possesses a cordial, genial manner, is uniformly courteous and inspires friendships of unusual strength.

LEWIS PAYTON, M. D. In the early settlement and subsequent history of Delaware county the Payton family have been prominent, and during many years one of its representatives, Dr. Lewis Payton, has labored unceasingly in the medical profession, striving to do all in his power toward the amelioration of the "ills to which flesh is heir," and succeeding to a gratifying degree in his noble endeavors. His birth occurred near Muncie, Delaware county, on the 7th of September, 1851, his parents being Gabriel and Mary E. (Hedrick) Payton. The father, who was a native of Wayne county, Indiana, came to Delaware county in the early year of 1833, first taking up his abode in Liberty township, and some time in the '40s moved to the old homestead, which has ever since been his place of residence. Mrs. Payton was a native of the Old Dominion state of Virginia, but during her girlhood days she was brought by her parents to Delaware county. In their family were two sons and two daughters, all of whom are living in this county.

Dr. Payton received an excellent literary education in the public schools near his old home and in the National Normal School of Ohio, and with this valuable training to serve as the foundation for his future life work he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Schaub, by whom he was prepared to enter the Curtis Physio Medical Institute of Marion, Indiana, in which he was graduated in 1883. As he was then fully competent to enter the practice of his chosen profession he opened an office in Marion, but four years later, in 1885, came to Muncie, where he has since made his home and carried on a general practice. His membership in the District Physio Medical Society enables him to keep more fully abreast of the many new discoveries which are constantly being made in the profession, and in his fraternal relations he is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men.

In 1874 Dr. Payton was united in marriage to Agnes J. Beall, whose

birth occurred in West Virginia, but at the time of the close of the Civil war she came with her father, Samuel Beall, to Delaware county, Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Payton have become the parents of three children: Laura, now Mrs. Bowen; Volney W.; and Mary Etta, now Mrs. Meeks.

CHARLES E. LAMBERT, the present trustee of Center township, has been a resident of Delaware county throughout his entire life, for his birth occurred near Daleville on the 20th of July, 1865, his parents being John N. and Nancy (Graham) Lambert, who in an early day in the history of the county took up their abode within its borders, and the name has henceforth been prominently identified with its annals. After obtaining his education in the public schools the son Charles entered the teacher's profession, continuing in the task of instructing the young for seventeen years, his broad intelligence, scholarly attainments and his full appreciation of the value of knowledge making him one of the most able educators of the county. While thus engaged he was also for five years connected with the mail service in Muncie, teaching school during the winter months and carrying the mail in the summer. Throughout his entire life he has been an efficient public worker and was made the township trustee, entering upon the duties of the office on the 1st of January, 1905. In 1906 he became associated with T. G. Groman in the undertaking business under the firm name of the Lambert-Groman Company, and he is its secretary and treasurer.

In 1887 Mr. Lambert was united in marriage to Olga Noftsinger, also a native of Delaware county, but after a happy married life of eighteen years the loving wife was called to the home beyond, leaving four children: Opal, who was born March 26, 1888; Inez, born May 31, 1895; Nettie, born September 15, 1897, and Mark Beveredge, born November 9, 1899. Mr. Lambert married, February 28, 1907, Lisette A. Smith, of Indianapolis, who was for some years principal of Riverside school in Muncie. He is a worthy member of the Masonic order, affiliating with Delaware lodge, also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the United Brethren church. He is deeply interested in the affairs of the county, which has been his home throughout his entire life, has always advocated the measures which have advanced its welfare and has labored for its improvement and progress.

CHARLES A. VAN MATRE. For many years the name of Charles A. Van Matre has been inseparably interwoven with the history of the educational interests of Muncie. His broad intelligence, scholarly attainments and his full appreciation of the value of knowledge as a preparation for life's responsibilities make him one of the ablest educators who have promoted the interests of the schools of Delaware county. Born in Harrison township, Delaware county, December 31, 1869, he is a son of Oliver Perry and Amelia (Brandon) Van Matre, both also natives of this county. It

was in the very earliest epoch in the history of the county that the Van Matre family was established within its borders, Grandfather Van Matre having moved hither from Ohio in the late '20s and settled in Mt. Pleasant township, where he became an extensive agriculturist. At the time of the organization of the county he was made its clerk and recorder, and his name was prominently associated with its early history. Oliver Perry spent his entire life in the county which his father had helped to organize and died in 1888.

After attending the public schools of his native locality Mr. Charles A. Van Matre entered the state university, but previously had taught school, and after his return from college again entered the profession. In 1897 he was elected the county superintendent of schools for Delaware county, where his ever broadening influence has been of incalculable value. He has been prominent in the movement for the consolidation of schools, whereby small schools shall be abandoned and wagons provided to convey the children to centrally graded or high schools. His labors are permeated by broad humanitarian principles, which render them a source of assistance to his fellow men, whereby he advances the scheme of our human existence,—the constant uplifting and betterment of the race.

In 1904 Mr. Van Matre was married to Miss Wilmina Wallace, a native of Peru, Indiana, and their only child, a daughter, Amelia, was born on the 27th of February, 1906. Mr. Van Matre is a member of Delaware lodge of the Masonic order, and of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows fraternities. He is also a member of the Delaware county bar.

**RALPH S. GREGORY.** Throughout his entire professional career, which covers an extended period, Mr. Ralph S. Gregory has practiced at the bar of Delaware county, and his high standing as a legal practitioner has been won through earnest labor. His reputation is a merited tribute to his ability. Delaware county is therefore proud to claim him among her native sons. His birth occurred on a farm February 28, 1846, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Braddock) Gregory. They were married in Pennsylvania and removed thence to Indiana, becoming pioneer settlers of Niles township, Delaware county, and the farm on which they located is yet owned by two of their sons, Ralph and Samuel. There the parents reared their children and lived for many years, the father dying when he had reached the sixty-ninth milestone on the journey of life, and the mother was sixty-five years of age when called to the home beyond. Their children were: William, of Kansas; Margaret, of Albany, Indiana; Samuel, a resident of Delaware county; John; Frank; Ralph S.; and Mary, who died in her youth. The father was a successful farmer, and in the early days voted with the Whigs, later transferring his relations to the Republican party, and both he and his wife were worthy members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Gregory of this review received his elementary education in the country schools and when fifteen years of age entered the high school of Muncie, where he completed the course and then became a student in Wabash College. In 1862, however, his studies were interrupted by his call to war, and he entered the army as a private in Company B, Eighty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. His enlistment took place on the 8th of August, 1862, and he remained in the service practically two years, when on account of failing health he was honorably discharged at Shellmond, Tennessee, having in the meantime attained to the rank of orderly sergeant. His health was regained soon after his return home and he re-entered Wabash College, remaining there through the junior year, when he matriculated in Asbury, now De Pauw, University, and graduated with honors in the class of 1867. The year following this event Mr. Gregory was made superintendent of the high school of Huntington, Indiana, and at the same time had charge of a classical school at Wabash, this state. While pursuing his profession of teaching, Mr. Gregory had determined on the practice of law as a life work and was admitted to the bar at Muncie in 1868. Locating here he began what has terminated in a successful career as a lawyer, so determined by his contemporaries and the general public. As a criminal lawyer he has won an enviable reputation.

In his political association Mr. Gregory was a Republican up to the year of 1892, when on account of the tariff issue, he believing the tariff laws should be revised, he withdrew his support therefrom. He has never advocated free trade, but "tariff for revenue" is a doctrine which has won his hearty approval. At one time he served as county superintendent of the Delaware schools, but beyond this he has never held an office of much importance. For many years he has been a prominent factor in the fraternal circles, being a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and other societies. He was elected at Detroit, Michigan, Great Inchoonee of the United States.

In 1880 Mr. Gregory married Miss Anna C. Madden, who was born in Piqua, Ohio, in 1863, receiving her educational training in the city of her nativity and becoming an accomplished musician. She is a daughter of Timothy C. Madden. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gregory have been born two children: Walter Leon, a graduate of the Chicago University, and Florence Madden, the wife of Attorney William Thompson, of Muncie.

WEBSTER S. RICHEY. For over thirty-five years Webster S. Richey has resided within the borders of Delaware county, and in that time has won a place among its best and most favorably known citizens. He is also connected with one of the leading industrial concerns of the county, the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company. Mr. Richey was born in Preble county, Ohio, March 11, 1848, a son of Samuel W. and Sarah C. (Fleming) Richey, natives of Ohio, of the counties of Butler and Preble respectively.

The father was for many years a prominent merchant of New Paris, Ohio, and his death occurred in 1881, at the age of seventy-six years.

Webster S. Richey, the youngest of his eight children, and with his sister the only surviving members of the family, was reared in the village of New Paris, Ohio, there receiving a fair common-school education. When but sixteen years of age, on the 1st of April, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering the Eighth Ohio Battery, Light Artillery, and at the close of his fifteen months' service he received a serious injury while mounting a cannon. This was about the time of the close of the conflict, and receiving his honorable discharge he returned home and for some time thereafter was engaged in the drug business in New Paris. In 1867 he accepted a position as bookkeeper with a wholesale grocery house in Richmond, Indiana, there remaining for three years or until 1870, when he came to Muncie and again entered the drug business, in which he formed a partnership with his cousin, W. E. Richey, the firm name becoming Richey & Richey. From 1871 to 1876 he was agent for the American Express Company at Muncie, also joint agent for the same company and the United States Express Company from 1876 to 1880, from 1880 to 1881 served as freight agent for what is now the Big Four Railroad Company, for one year thereafter was bookkeeper for Mr. James Boyce, from 1882 to 1887 was route agent for the United States Express Company through Indiana and Ohio and from 1887 to 1889 was again the bookkeeper for Mr. Boyce.

In 1890 Mr. Richey was chosen the Republican candidate for auditor of Delaware county, and elected to the office served satisfactorily for four years, but having made the race for the office on the one term promise did not become a candidate for re-election. In 1894 he was a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for state auditor, and although he received votes from as many as fifty-one of the ninety-two counties in the delegate convention of his party he failed of nomination after a creditable race. For some five years thereafter he was an accountant for the Chosen Friends, a fraternal insurance order with headquarters at Indianapolis. In 1900 he accepted a position with the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company at Muncie as an accountant, of which he is the present incumbent.

Mr. Richey married, October 15, 1872, Miss Julia Thomas, a daughter of Mr. J. Harvey and Jerusha Thomas, of Dayton, Ohio. Their three children are Albert S., Reba and Paul, the eldest being a graduate of Purdue University and now professor of electric railroad engineering in the Worcester (Massachusetts) Polytechnic Institute. Both Mr. and Mrs. Richey are members of the Presbyterian church. He also has membership relations with Williams Post, No. 78, Department of Indiana, G. A. R., and with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has reached the Thirty-second degree, and affiliates with the Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine, Murat Temple, Indianapolis. His fraternal relations also connect him with the order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 74, and with the Independent Order of Red Men, No. 30, and he is a member of the Commercial Club of Muncie.

ANTON C. HEFEL, perhaps best known as "Tony Hefel," is a civil engineer of wide and favorable reputation. He is a native son of Austria, born in the town of Feldkirk, province of Voralberg, April 8, 1844. After attending the common schools of his native town and also pursuing a four years' course in a normal school, he entered the well known university of Munich, Bavaria, from which he graduated in 1864. Very early in life Mr. Hefel turned his attention to mechanics and for some time after leaving the university he was employed as a builder of water works in Bavaria, while for two years he also acted as superintendent of construction at Augsburg. In 1866, when he had reached the age of twenty-three years, he came to the United States, first locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where for six years he was employed as draughtsman for the city water works, and during a similar period he served as engineer and assistant superintendent for the same. In 1877 he transferred his residence to Vandalia, Illinois, where he was engaged as engineer in chief for the Kaskaskia bottom drainage district, his duties being to make surveys and estimates for dredging, draining and reclaiming a large tract of land. During the time he was thus employed, continuing until the year 1886, he was twice elected surveyor of Fayette county, Illinois.

It was at the close of this period, in 1886, that Mr. Hefel came to Muncie, at once accepting a position with the American Water Works & Guarantee Company, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of construction and engineer in building water works and plants at New Philadelphia, Ohio; Huntington, West Virginia; Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Meridian, Mississippi; and Wichita, Kansas. Thus in various cities of the country he has constructed water works, built race tracks and sewers, so much so that perhaps no other civil engineer in the entire country is wider or better known than he. He drafted the first map of the city of Muncie and vicinity in 1888, showing the location of oil wells, gas wells and other valuable points. In 1891 he entered the employ of the Western Improvement Company, of Rochester, New York, and for this company laid out and drew a map for West Muncie. In 1895 he built the Cambridge City, Indiana, Water Works, in 1896 the Middletown, Indiana, Water Works and in 1902 he built the one-half mile race track at the State Fair Grounds, in 1903 the track at Montpelier and in 1905 the Arranum, Ohio, Water Works and Electric Light Plant.

In 1868, in Cincinnati, Mr. Hefel married Miss Magdalena Good, who bore him two children, Carrie and Ermine. Carrie married Claude Beaton, of Nome, Alaska, and Ermine married George Whitehead, of Matthews, Indiana. The wife and mother died in 1881, and in the same year he married Miss Kate Boekley, one child, Hattie, being born of the second union. She married Albert Gough, of Muncie.

been a careful member of the legal profession. Delaware county claims him among her native sons, his birth occurring in Smithfield on the 31st of July, 1852. His father, Zerah M. Lewellen, was born in West Virginia, but when a lad came with his parents to Delaware county, the family home being established on Campbell's creek, that location having been chosen on account of the richness of the land. After his marriage he removed to Smithfield, where for several years he followed the wagon maker's trade, after which he was engaged in farming in Liberty and Harrison townships some years and then retired from agricultural pursuits. He spent his last years at Shideler, where he died at the age of seventy-two years. The mother of our subject was known in maidenhood as Sarah A. Truitt, and was a native of Delaware county.

John O. Lewellen received an excellent literary education in the public schools of his native locality, which he attended until his twentieth year. After teaching one term of school he then entered the Methodist College at Xenia, Ohio, being subsequently a student in the Holbrook school at Lebanon, that state, and in 1877 a graduate from the scientific department of the Northern Indiana Normal College at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he received the degree of B. S. He added to the thoroughness of his pedagogical education by taking a four years' course at the famous Chautauqua school. For a decade thereafter Mr. Lewellen taught in Delaware county and for fourteen years was its superintendent of schools, finally resigning the position named to enter the legal profession. His broad intelligence, scholarly attainments and thorough preparation for every duty which fell to him made him a most able educator and honored citizen. Although he attained a brilliant and substantial position in the field of education, Mr. Lewellen finally chose the law as his life profession, pursuing his studies in the Indiana Law School of Indianapolis and being admitted to the bar in 1900. He is an earnest and tireless worker, and has applied the strength of an already mature and trained mind to the mastery of the various departments of the law, by which he has acquired high standing as a general practitioner.

The marriage of Mr. Lewellen was celebrated on the 25th of December, 1877, to Miss Huldah Eleanor Crampton, and the three children born to them have been Albert Ross, Harry Crampton and Wendell Gladstone. Mrs. Lewellen is a native of Harrison township, Delaware county, daughter of Mahlon and Ruth Jane (Crane) Crampton, who were born in Ohio and became early settlers of this county. Here, as well as in the schools of Franklin, Ohio, she received her education and also took a four years' Chautauqua course, and before marriage taught several years in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen are both members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, the latter being a teacher in the Sunday school and also, for many years, an earnest and effective worker in the field of home and foreign missions. Mrs. Lewellen is, further, an influential member of the McRea Club, of which she has served as president.

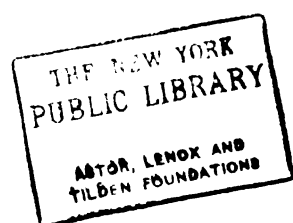
Mr. Lewellen's political affiliations are with the Republican party, while fraternally he is a member of Delaware Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Red Men. He has long served as a class leader in the Methodist church, and is widely popular and highly honored in the county which has so long been his home, and of which he is so worthy a representative of the pioneer element.

CHARLES WILLARD NEISWANGER. The gentleman whose name introduces this review and the leading artist of Muncie, possesses talent which places his name high on the roll of the foremost photographers of Delaware county. His birth occurred in Cambridge City, Indiana, September 3, 1865, his father, George Neiswanger, having removed hither with his father, Winson T. Neiswanger, from his native state of Maryland. He established his home on a farm near Cambridge City, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his removal to Delaware county in 1873, settling two and a half miles northeast from Muncie. There he was engaged in the tilling of the soil until an advanced age, and he now resides in this city. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary A. Gebhart, and was a native daughter of Pennsylvania, from whence she removed to Wayne county, Indiana, with her father, John Gebhart.

Charles W. Neiswanger, a son of these honored Indiana pioneers, entered the teacher's profession after completing his education in the county schools, thus continuing for three terms. But that genius as an artist which he has displayed in later life to such a marked degree was early expressed, and learning the photographic art, opened a studio in 1889, where he has been very effective in placing the art on a higher plane. He is a member and trustee of the Daguerre Memorial Institute, at Winona Lake, Indiana, formed for the purpose of promoting the highest interest in photography, and in many ways he has proved a valued member of his profession. He is also president of the State Photographic Association.

The marriage of Mr. Neiswanger was celebrated in 1896, Miss Jennie F., a daughter of James McCormick, one of the early pioneers of Delaware county, then becoming his wife. Their only child is a son Robert, born November 8, 1897. Mr. Neiswanger has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is the present chancellor commander, and is also a worthy member of the Methodist church.

WALTER F. PIERCE. One of the leading and influential citizens of Muncie is Walter F. Pierce, whose birth occurred in Tipton county, Indiana, May 5, 1854. The Pierces are an old and honored family of English descent, the great-grandfather of Walter F. having been its founder in this country, and his son Thomas was a full cousin of President Franklin Pierce. Calloway Pierce, a son of the latter and the father of Walter F., was a native of Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to Virginia and in 1832 to Delaware county, Indiana, where his father entered land from the gov-





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ernment in Salem township. In 1850 Calloway Pierce removed to Tipton county, Indiana, where he was engaged in carpentering and contracting in partnership with E. M. Sharp, and to these gentlemen belong the honor of having built most of the town of Sharpsville. Returning to Delaware county in 1859 Mr. Pierce resumed his farming operations in Salem township, and is now living there at the good old age of eighty-five years. In his early manhood he had married Ruanna Goodpasture, a native of Ohio, and they occupy a prominent place among the early and honored pioneer citizens of Delaware county.

After completing his education in the public schools of this county Walter F. Pierce turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and was numbered among the leading farmers of Center township until 1900, in that year coming to Muncie and embarking in the real-estate business, in which his undertakings have been fortunate for the most part, and in 1906 he was elected a justice of the peace. He votes with the Republican party, and is an active worker in its ranks.

On the 11th of January, 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pierce and Miss Sarah Icenogle. She was born in Ohio, the daughter of John Icenogle, and has become the mother of five children: Donata, now Mrs. Kierstead, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Lena E., now Mrs. Keltner and a resident of Muncie; J. Otis, also a resident of St. Paul; Mattie F.; and Walter Stuart. In his fraternal relations Mr. Pierce is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias fraternities.

F. L. WACHTELL. Occupying an enviable position in the business circles of Muncie, F. L. Wachtell is honored and respected by all, not alone on account of the success he has achieved, but also by reason of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed. His birth occurred in Winchester, Indiana, July 5, 1863, but during his early boyhood days he was brought by his father, Calvin S. Wachtell, whose sketch also appears in this work, to Muncie, where he obtained his education in the city public schools. After the completion of the training which was to fit him for life's activities, he engaged in business with his father, this being in 1882, and he now has practically the entire charge of the large concern, for the senior Mr. Wachtell has in the main retired from an active business life. Although he entered upon a business already established, in conducting this and enlarging its scope Mr. F. L. Wachtell has so directed his efforts that its interests have grown apace with the progress which dominates the central states, and he is numbered among the leading business men and public spirited citizens of Delaware county.

In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wachtell and Miss Leonora Deitsch. She is a daughter of Philip Deitsch, of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he served as superintendent of the police for eighteen years. Mr. Wachtell is a member of the order of Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

CHARLES L. NIHART. When professional success is attained in any instance it may be taken as certain that such measure of success has been thoroughly merited. Dr. Charles L. Nihart, although one of the younger members of the profession, has gained distinction in the line of his special calling, that of an optician, has been an earnest and discriminating student, and holds a position of due relative precedence among the ophthalmic practitioners of Delaware county. The Doctor was born in Jay county, Indiana, July 15, 1872, a son of David H. and Diantha E. (Stansbury) Nihart, the former a native of Delaware county, born in 1840, and the latter of Jay county, Indiana. The paternal grandfather, Philip Nihart, was a native son of the fatherland, but in early life he left his German home and came to the United States, and for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits four miles southeast of Muncie. There his son David also followed the tilling of the soil for a time, but later turned his attention to the drug business, and is now one of the leading druggists of Albany, Indiana. During the Civil war he offered his services to his country's cause and served as a soldier in the Ninth Indiana Cavalry.

After completing his education in the schools of Delaware county, Indiana, and Lima, Ohio, Dr. Charles L. Nihart entered upon the study of medicine, but a short time afterward decided to devote his entire attention to the diseases of the eye and accordingly entered the Indiana Ophthalmic School, in which he graduated in September, 1895. Coming thence to Muncie, he entered the professional circles of this city, where he has gradually worked his way into the front ranks. He has also found time to devote to the public life of his adopted city, and for four years served as a member of the city council.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of Dr. Nihart and Dora A. Lykens, she having been born in Randolph, Indiana. Their only child, Bessie May, was born on the 4th of June, 1906. The Masonic fraternity finds in Dr. Nihart a valued and worthy member, his relations being with Delaware lodge, and he is also a member of Welcome lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His religious affiliations are with the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. The Doctor is a young man of exceptional attainments, and all who know him have the highest admiration for his many excellent characteristics.

WILLIAM T. JANNEY, one of the leading merchants and business men of Muncie, is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of

November, 1876. In his early manhood he had married Sarah Hayden, who was born in Pennsylvania March 1, 1812, and her death occurred on the 19th of January, 1890. In their family were seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom one is deceased, and the remainder all reside in Delaware county. One son, John H., laid down his life on the altar of his country during the Civil war. He served as a member of Company B, Thirty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, his military career covering a period of four years. At the battle of Atlanta he was wounded and taken prisoner, suffering all the horrors of a seven months' confinement in Andersonville prison, and after his release was sent to Vicksburg, where he was a passenger on the fatal ship Sultana at the time of its terrible destruction. He was a brave and loyal soldier and bravely met his death at the post of duty.

W. T. Janney, whose name introduces this review, is indebted to the public schools of Washington township and the Muncie high school for his educational training. With his education completed, he followed agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he came to Muncie and embarked in the mercantile business, in the sale of implements and buggies. He has built up a large and lucrative business, which places him in the front rank in the industrial circle of Muncie, and in addition he yet owns his farms in Washington and Harrison townships.

On the 19th of June, 1873, Mr. Janney was united in marriage to Hannah E. McCreery, a member of one of the oldest families of Delaware county, both her father, Thomas, and her grandfather, Samuel McCreery, having been numbered among its honored residents. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Janney, three sons and three daughters, Carlton R., Stanton E., Florence E., Lester H., Beulah M. and Ada. Mr. Janney is a member of the order of Ben Hur, and both he and his wife are valued and consistent members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, as are also all of their children, with the exception of Stanton, who is a Baptist.

JAMES EMMETT EBER was born on his father's farm in Center township, Delaware county, April 24, 1850. His father, Hener Eber, was a native son of the fatherland of Germany, but when twenty-eight years of age he came to America and took up his abode in Muncie, where for a short time he was interested in a distillery. He then purchased a tract of land on what is now known as the Hathaway pike, in the northwest corner of center township, and, moving to this place, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and ever afterward to the day of his death he was practically and successfully engaged in farming. He accumulated a good estate, and was numbered among the most prominent farmers and business men of Delaware county. It was his good fortune to be able to provide well for his children, whom at his death he left in very comfortable circumstances, for during his busy and useful life he had accumulated a valuable estate of upward of three hundred acres.

During his residence in Muncie Mr. Eber married Miss Susannah Clark, and they became the parents of the following children: Jane, deceased; William H., who died during his service in the Civil war; Mary, the wife of Mr. A. Drumm, of California; John, deceased; James Emmett, the subject of this review; George; and Catherine. Mrs. Eber was called to the home beyond on the 20th of May, 1862, a communicant of the Catholic church and a lady of many estimable qualities of heart and mind. For a second wife Mr. Eber chose Nancy Leland, who died in 1879, without issue. Mr. Eber had preceded her in death about three years, dying on the 26th of January, 1876. His religious affiliations were with the Presbyterian church, and in politics he endorsed the principles of the Democratic party.

James E. Eber, who has won a foremost place among the prominent agriculturists and best-known citizens of Delaware county, has followed farming as a life occupation, and has resided in this county since the day of his birth. He grew to manhood on the parental homestead, and in the meantime gained a limited educational training in the country schools. His boyhood days were spent in assisting his father in the work of the farm, and he remained in the parental home until his father's death. He married Tabitha Scott on the 22d of June, 1872, and the lady of his choice was born in Adams county, Ohio, August 8, 1852, a daughter of David and Sarah (Ham) Scott, natives also of that commonwealth and respectively of Scotch and Irish descent. This union was blessed by the birth of the following children. Emma, who died in 1890; Ida, a bright young lady, who died July 7, 1907, while seeking renewed health in California; Lee, a resident of Bridgeport, Illinois; Stella, Catherine, Pearl and Earl. The wife and mother was called to her final reward on the 14th of December, 1896. She was a faithful wife and a devoted mother and was loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also Mr. Eber. He has membership relations with the Improved Order of Red Men, and in politics is a Democrat, but has paid little attention to party affairs. He has always been a diligent worker and has devoted his time and efforts to farming. His estate comprises one hundred and ninety acres of fine farming land, and the family residence is a modern and attractive home.

HORTENCE L. OLIVER, superintendent of the Muncie Belt railroad, general yardmaster of the Lake Erie & Western and in charge of the operations of the Muncie & Western railroad, has made his home in this city since 1896. No railroad man in this community is more generally known, and his relations with these large corporations have won him a high posi-

had reached the age of eighteen years he started out in life for himself, going from his home to Texas, where for four years he was engaged in farming and stock-raising. At the close of that period he returned to Ohio and entered upon what has since terminated in a successful railroad career, this being in the year 1878, and his first employment was as a freight brakeman on the Hocking Valley railroad. After eighteen months in that capacity he was promoted to the position of a freight conductor, and for eight years he continued his relations with that company. He then entered the employ of the Columbus & Eastern, now the Zanesville & Western railroad, with which he remained for about eight years, first as a freight and later as a passenger conductor and trainmaster, during all this time living in Columbus, Ohio. At the close of this period Mr. Oliver entered the employ of the Lake Erie & Western railroad in the capacity of general yardmaster at Tipton, Indiana, but shortly afterward, in October, 1896, he was transferred to Muncie, which has ever since continued as the scene of his operations, and where he is numbered among the best citizens, esteemed alike for his sterling worth of character and his activity in the business world.

Mr. Oliver married, in 1886, Fannie Howell, of Fostoria, Ohio. He is a member of the Railroad Conductors' Fraternity and is an active factor in the social as well as the business life of Muncie.

J. MONROE FITCH. In an enumeration of those men of Delaware county who have won honor and public recognition for themselves the name of J. Monroe Fitch takes precedence. As the record of a young man it is one of which he may be justly proud, for he has successfully surmounted obstacles and has gained recognition through intrinsic worth of character. He is a native son of the Southland, born in the Bluegrass state of Kentucky on the 12th of July, 1872, a son of Sampson and Dorcas (Daniels) Fitch, also natives of that commonwealth. When fourteen years of age J. Monroe left home, and before he had reached his twenty-first year had worked in eighteen states at various employments. Up to that time he had received but ten months of schooling, and thus he may be truly classed among the self-educated as well as self-made men. Realizing, however, the value of an education as the foundation for life's activities, he then went to Valparaiso, Indiana, where he worked his way through the university, spending five years in school there, and during that time began the study of law. His legal studies were completed in the Chicago Law School, where he received his diploma, and in 1898 came to Muncie to actively engage in the practice of his chosen profession. He associated himself in practice with C. A. McGonagle, and the firm of McGonagle & Fitch has become well known in legal circles throughout this section of the state. From his early youth Mr. Fitch has been a politician, and in November, 1906, he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, and although his legislative career has been brief, it has been marked with distinction, and higher political honors undoubtedly await him.

On leaving the Chicago Law School Mr. Fitch joined the First Illinois Cavalry for service in the Spanish-American war. He was sent to Chickamauga, and was discharged on the 3d of November, 1898, with the rank of corporal. He is a member of Delaware Lodge No. 46, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and also of the Independent Order of Red Men.

Mr. Fitch and Lula Parkison, of Yorktown, Indiana, were married November 21, 1907.

GEORGE L. HAYMOND, assistant postmaster at Muncie, was born in Delaware county, Indiana, November 16, 1868, on his father's farm just south of Muncie. His parents were William A. and Mary (Louthain) Haymond, the former of whom was born near Palatine, West Virginia, in 1840. He was a brother of Mr. H. C. Haymond, whose biography is referred to for further family history. During his early manhood William A. Haymond came to Delaware county, arriving here only a short time before the outbreak of the Civil war. In the first year of that dreadful conflict he tendered his services in defense of the Union, enlisting in the Second Indiana Cavalry, and served to the close of the war. During much of his army career he held the rank of orderly, and was present at all the engagements of his command. Returning from the war at its close, he settled on a farm just south of Muncie, where he carried on agricultural pursuits with success up to the time of his death in 1880. His wife survives him and now resides in Muncie, where she removed soon after his death. Their marriage was solemnized in the year 1864, and they became the parents of the following named children: Warren G., who died at the age of twenty-three years; George L., the subject of this personal mention; and Elizabeth, the wife of George R. Andrews, M.D., also mentioned in this work. The father was well and favorably known as a practical farmer and public-spirited citizen, and in politics he was a Republican.

George L. Haymond spent his early youth on a farm, and coming to Muncie with his mother soon after his father's death, he attended the Muncie schools and graduated from its high school. After spending a short time as a clerk in a hardware store he became a substitute letter carrier, and then for ten years was a regular letter carrier in Muncie. In 1899 he was appointed assistant postmaster, a position he held up to April, 1903. During a short time thereafter Mr. Haymond was in ill health and visited Colorado, from whence he returned to this city and became the deputy county treasurer. In April, 1907, he was again appointed assistant postmaster, his present position. He is a Republican in politics. a Knight Templar Mason

of Center township December 14, 1905. He was a son of Henry and Abigail (Gibson) Taylor, natives respectively of Maryland and Tennessee, and the paternal family is of English origin. Henry Taylor is numbered among the earliest of the Delaware county pioneers, establishing his home in Monroe township, and it was on his farm there that his son Valentine grew to manhood's estate and laid the foundation for his subsequent useful career. He enjoyed but poor educational advantages in the old-time schools of Delaware county, and his boyhood days were spent at farm labor on the old homestead. He was married in 1857, when twenty-one years of age, to Miss Jane Sunderland, who was born in Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, October 8, 1836, and died on the homestead in Center township January 6, 1907. She was a daughter of Samuel and Lavina (Kepper) Sunderland, who came from Ohio to cast in their lot with the early pioneers of Delaware county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Taylor located on Belle creek, Salem township, where they maintained their residence for about five years, and then in about 1863 removed to a farm in section 31, Center township, where the remainder of their useful lives were spent. Farming continued as Mr. Taylor's life occupation, and at the time of his death his estate consisted of one hundred and twenty acres of fine farming land. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, but never cared for the honors of public office, for he was a quiet, unassuming man and was honored and revered by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Both he and his faithful and loving wife were numbered among the county's most valued citizens. They had but two children, Henry, a prosperous farmer of Salem township, and Samuel K., who resides on the old homestead farm in Center township.

Samuel K. Taylor was born in Salem township, Delaware county, January 8, 1860, and farming has been his life occupation. After the completion of his common-school education he began farming his father's land, and the old homestead farm has ever since continued as the scene of his activities. He married, in 1882, Miss Ella Hanshew, who was born December 7, 1864, in Madison county, Indiana, a daughter of James R. and Martha (Clymer) Hanshew, of Madison county, where they have resided for many years. They were natives, however, of Rush county, Indiana, and of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have but one child, Celestia Lafern, born September 16, 1894. Mr. Taylor exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles of the Republican party.

**ROBERT W. MONROE.** The profession of the law, when clothed with its true dignity and purity and strength, must rank first among the callings of men, and one of its representatives in Delaware county is Robert W. Monroe, one of the practitioners of Muncie. His birth occurred at Xenia, Ohio, March 3, 1851. His father, Hugh Monroe, a Scotch Highlander of the Munro clan, came to the United States when a young man, locating in Xenia, Ohio, where he was married to one of Ohio's native daughters, Je-

nima Steele. They afterward moved to Kansas, where the father's death occurred in 1884, when he had reached the age of seventy-one years, but the mother survived until 1901, her death occurring when seventy-eight years of age.

In the schools of Lebanon, Ohio, and Valparaiso, Indiana, their son, Robert W. Monroe, received his literary education, and after graduating in the training class of the latter institution he taught school for seven years. In the meantime he had decided on the practice of law as his life's work, and was admitted to the bar in 1877 and immediately entered upon his practice in Muncie. In 1882 he was appointed a deputy in the county auditor's office, and after a deputyship of twelve years he was made the county auditor of Delaware county, being retained in that office for two terms. On the expiration of that time he resumed the practice of law in Muncie, his ability soon winning him a distinctively representative clientage. In November, 1906, he was elected the prosecuting attorney, being the present incumbent. He has always been an active and ardent Republican, and as the representative of that party has been the recipient of many public honors.

In August, 1882, Mr. Monroe was married to J. Alice, a daughter of John P. Reid, a plow manufacturer and one of the leading citizens of Muncie. Five children have been born to them—Hugh Reid, Agnes, Paul C., Donald G. and Bruce E. Mr. Monroe has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Independent Order of Red Men. He stands for principle in political circles, and Muncie numbers him among her leading and influential citizens.

JOHN C. ROSS, M.D. During thirty-two successive years Dr. John C. Ross has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Muncie, and is thus one of the oldest representatives of the profession in Delaware county. During the time he has not only maintained his position among the leaders of the medical fraternity but has taken part in much of the public and social life of Muncie, so that he is accounted one of her honored citizens. His birth occurred in Randolph county, Indiana, May 10, 1845, whither his father, John Ross, had removed from his native state of Kentucky in 1838. He was a millwright and carpenter, and also followed agricultural pursuits until the inauguration of the Civil war, when he became captain of Company D, Sixty-ninth Indiana Infantry, serving throughout the entire period of the conflict, and was wounded at the battle of Richmond, Kentucky. He continued his residence in Randolph county for a short time after the close of the war, and in 1876 came to Delaware county and entered the ministry

and was born in England in 1789. Emigrating with his father from his native land to Virginia, he was ordained as a minister of the Methodist church and sent as a missionary to Indiana, having been the first Methodist divine to preach in this commonwealth. Mrs. Ross passed away in death in 1898 at the age of seventy-six years.

The early boyhood days of John C. Ross were spent on his father's farm in Randolph county, attending the district schools during the winter months, and later, completing the engineering course, continued in the profession for eight years. While thus engaged he also studied medicine, and in 1876 graduated from the Indianapolis Medical College and began the practice of his chosen profession in Bethel, Delaware county. It was in 1877 that he came to Muncie, and he has remained here ever since engaged in the practice of medicine. His long professional career has been attended with marked success. His promptness, his sympathetic nature and his generosity are among his chief characteristics, and those who have known him longest esteem him most highly.

In 1872 Dr. Ross married Lucinda Stump, a native daughter of Delaware county, and they have five children living. The doctor has fraternal relations with the order of Odd Fellows, with which he has affiliated for forty-two years, and also with the Independent Order of Red Men. He is a consistent member of the church in which he was reared, the Methodist, taking an active part in its work, and in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character.

CHARLES GWINNUP. During a number of years past Charles Gwinnup has been a resident of Muncie, and has been identified with many of the interests that have contributed to its substantial development and improvement. He was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, May 27, 1857, his parents being Samuel Gwinnup and Margaret (Kinney) Gwinnup. Their son was left an orphan at an early age and was reared by his grandfather, attending school until he was fourteen years of age, when he started out to battle with the world for himself. Continuing agricultural labors until twenty-one years of age, he then began railroading, this being in the year 1879, and he was thereafter connected with several of the leading lines in various capacities, such as construction work, on the engineer's corps, as a brakeman and finally as conductor. During this time he was connected with the Monon, the Wabash, the Panhandle and the Louisville and Northern railroads, always changing of his own accord, and was at all times a careful, painstaking and faithful employe. Finally on account of ill health Mr. Gwinnup severed his connections with railroad interests, and in 1894 came to Muncie, where he has ever since been numbered among its leading men of affairs. In 1901 he opened the Delaware Cafe and Restaurant, which under his competent management have become well known to the public, but he has not confined his attention to one line of trade, and in 1903 engaged in the oil business, assisting in the formation of the present Daniel Boone Gas

& Oil Company, which owns eighty-two acres of land. They were the first company to strike deep-pay oil, having gone two hundred and ninety-four feet through rock, the company paying thirty thousand dollars dividends during the first year, and they now operate eighteen wells and are constantly making substantial improvements in the way of putting in new power, etc. Mr. Gwinnup is the treasurer of the company, and his excellent business ability has contributed not a little to the success of the company. He has also purchased the Record Oil Company, which he soon expects to place in successful operation, while in addition to these large interests he has also introduced a new electric sign, which promises to be a profitable investment. Thus in many fields of endeavor he has directed his energies, and his counsel and sound judgment have contributed to the success of many business interests of Muncie and Delaware county.

The marriage of Mr. Gwinnup was celebrated in 1901, Miss Violetta Spangler, of Texas, becoming his wife. His fraternal relations connect him with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and to him belongs the honor of being the first Eagle in the state of Indiana. He also got up the charter list for Muncie Lodge No. 231. He is a worthy past president and is now serving his third term as its treasurer.

JAMES WARREN BRISSEY. For a number of years past James W. Brissey has practiced at the bar of Delaware county, and during that time his rise has been gradual, but he today occupies a leading position among the representatives of the legal profession in Muncie. His reputation has been won through earnest, honest labor, and his high standing is a merited tribute to his ability. Born in Owen county, Kentucky, October 7, 1864, he is a son of James Milton and Sarah (Osborn) Brissey, both also natives of the Blue Grass state of Kentucky. They were farming people, and in 1865 they removed to Fountain county, Indiana, where the father departed this life in 1904, when he had reached the eighty-ninth milestone on the journey of life.

After completing his education in the public schools of Fountain county, Indiana, James W. Brissey spent two years in the Ladoga Normal School, and while there David Starr Jordan became interested in the young lad and urged him to go through the state university, making arrangements whereby he was enabled to work his way through the institution. Mr. Brissey had but few opportunities during his early life, but was determined to obtain an education, and has resolutely overcome the obstacles which barred his path to success and today can look back with satisfaction on his struggles and

west. On returning to Indiana he entered the state university, where he worked his way through and obtained his heart's desire, a university education. For a time thereafter he taught in the schools of Fountain county, and was later elected to the position of county superintendent, the duties of which he discharged with his usual promptness and fidelity. He was admitted to the bar in Fountain county, and shortly afterward was elected prosecuting attorney for the twenty-first judicial district, containing the counties of Fountain, Warren and Benton, continuing as its incumbent for two terms. It was in the year 1901 that he came to Muncie, where for a time he practiced in partnership with Thomas E. Bracken, the firm name being Brissey & Bracken, while later he was a member of the firm of Brissey & Ethell, but is now alone in his practice. He is well informed on the subject of jurisprudence in its various departments and he has won many notable forensic triumphs. In his political connections he is a Republican and takes a deep interest in the questions which affect the welfare of the state and nation and mold the public policy, while since attaining to mature age he has been an active factor in the local campaigns of his party.

In 1889 Mr. Brissey was united in marriage to Anna Martin, a native of Warren county, Indiana, and a daughter of Jesse Martin. They have one daughter, Margaret, who was born on the 3d of February, 1897, and their daughter Ruth died in 1891, when a babe of six months old. Mr. Brissey has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a broad-minded, progressive man and a public spirited citizen, and in all life's relations he is found true to the duties of professional and social life.

HENRY J. KELLER belongs to the group of influential and enterprising merchants who during the last twenty years have made Muncie one of the principal retail centers of eastern Indiana. Especially in the line of dry goods and clothing, the business district of Muncie contains some of the finest establishments to be found in the state and patronized by increasing thousands both in the city and in the surrounding country, the importance of Muncie as a distributing center having been wonderfully increased during recent years by the interurban lines. One of the first of the large establishments that would be mentioned in a list of Muncie's retail firms is The Keller-Bryce Company, clothing merchants, who occupy the corner room of the Johnson block at Walnut and Charles.

The history of the firm is part of the history of Muncie since the gas boom. On January 15, 1888, Henry J. Keller, who is now president and general manager of the firm, came to Muncie and formed a partnership in the retail clothing business with G. W. Bliss. During the preceding eight years he had been employed as salesman in various dry goods and mercantile establishments and was well equipped by experience and business gifts for the mercantile career upon which he entered. With the growth of Muncie in population and wealth the firm of Bliss and Keller had corresponding

success, and continued in that style until November, 1895, when a reorganization was effected under the name of Keller, Bryce and Company. In March, 1905, the business was incorporated under the name The Keller-Bryce Company, and Mr. Keller has been president and general manager since that date.

The president of the firm, who is now one of the oldest business men in the city, was born in Winchester, Randolph county, where his father was long identified with farming and merchandising, and where the son also gained his first experience in business life. His father was George Godfred Keller, and he and his wife, Katharine Elizabeth (Kayser) Keller, were both natives of Germany and came to the United States in 1852, being married in the same year at Bucyrus, Ohio. In 1855 they moved to Winchester, Indiana, and there the father followed farming and mercantile pursuits until 1881, since which year he has lived retired, being now eighty-one years of age. For many years he took an active part in church affairs. The mother passed away in December, 1905.

Henry J. Keller was educated in the common schools at Winchester, and after leaving them at once began earning his own living and as a clerk began the career which has been so successful. In politics Mr. Keller is identified with the Republican party. A prominent Mason, he is a member of Muncie Lodge No. 433, F. & A. M., Muncie Chapter No. 30, Muncie Commandery No. 18, the Indiana Consistory, and Murat Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Muncie Lodge No. 245 of the Elks, and Silver Shield Lodge No. 403, K. of P. April 2, 1885, he was married to Edna L. Haynes, youngest daughter of Jesse G. and Matilda (Cropper) Haynes, the former, deceased, of Randolph county, Indiana. They have three children, Esther, Nellie and Paul G. Mr. Keller and family are identified with the First Presbyterian church.

ALFRED GRINDLE, one of Muncie's foremost citizens, possesses the talent which has placed his name high among the architects of this state. Perseveringly he has pursued his way with one fixed ambition and goal ever before him, undaunted by the obstacles which he encountered, and now he has won for himself a name and place among the leaders of the profession.

His birth occurred at Manchester, England, July 23, 1863, his parents being George and Elizabeth (Holmes) Grindle, both also natives of the mother country, the father born in Yorkshire and the mother in Manchester. They gave to their son an excellent literary and professional training, he having studied in the King Charles Public School, of Tuxford, in Nottinghamshire, also Owen's University in Manchester, in addition to architectural training in the Manchester School of Art, where he received a careful

With his education completed he served for five years as articled pupil in the offices of Bell & Roper, the famous architects of Manchester and London, while in 1886 he received the full certificate with honors at the Manchester School of Art. As a result of overstudy his health became impaired and he removed to Birmingham to recuperate, while in 1888 he sailed for the United States and spent the first two years in this country in the East. At the close of the period, in 1890, Mr. Grindle became a resident of Indiana, where for three or four years he held senior positions as chief draughtsman, commencing architectural practice in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1894.

His residence in that city continued from 1894 to 1904, when he came to Muncie, and has ever since been numbered among the city's most prominent residents. Among the most prominent buildings which he has designed since his removal from the East may be mentioned the Public Library at Fort Wayne, erected at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars; the Jasper county court house, costing one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; the Root Memorial building, of Fort Wayne; also the J. B. Barnes building of Fort Wayne; the McKinley school house, of Muncie; the Terminal depot, of Muncie, and many others. During this time buildings amounting to over three million dollars have been erected under his supervision, including schools, churches, residences and public buildings.

In 1886 Mr. Grindle was united in marriage to Miss Frances Alice Jones; five children have been born to them, two only remaining with them, Alfred Vernon Holmes, born August 13, 1894, and Henry George Westbrook, born July 6, 1900. Mr. Grindle's fraternal relations connect him with the Masonic order. In connection with his profession he has also a love for music, pursuing his studies on the organ during his leisure time, with the result that he is now a proficient musician, and during many years has been identified with the choirs of the Episcopal church, of which he is a member.

**JOSEPH A. NELSON.** Among the men of affairs who have been distinctively the architects of their own fortunes is numbered Joseph A. Nelson, who without advantages at the commencement of life has battled earnestly and energetically and is now numbered among the leading business men of Muncie. His birth occurred in Cumberland county, Kentucky, April 4, 1863, his parents being Nicholas C. and Amanda A. (Ferquin) Nelson. The father, a native son of Kentucky, followed the millwright's trade, and while pursuing this occupation was severely injured, dying from the effects of his injury when his son Joseph was but fourteen years of age. Five years later the mother was also called from this life to the home beyond, their large family of children then being left to battle for themselves.

At the time of his mother's death Joseph A. Nelson was but nineteen years of age, and at that early age, with practically no educational advantages, he was left to make his own way in the world, and not only was he obliged to care for himself but also for eight other children younger than

himself. He farmed until his twenty-fifth year, and during the following five years was a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, four years of the time being spent as a street car conductor and the remaining year in the ice business. It was in the year of 1893 that he came to Muncie, and from that time to the present he has been prominently identified with the ice business. During the first three years he served as manager of the Muncie Lake Ice Company, at the close of which period he organized the Crystal Ice Company, his associate being Mr. Thornburg, but at the expiration of seven years Mr. Nelson sold his interest, and during the following two years harvested and shipped ice from Dawson, Ohio. During the following fourteen months he had charge of the Muncie Ice & Coal Company, and he has ever since remained a stockholder in this large and important industry.

At the age of twenty years Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Lillian Pace, whose death occurred about ten years later, and he subsequently wedded Mrs. Emma Kerr, nee Thornburg. He has one son by his first marriage, Walter L. Mr. Nelson holds membership relations with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and although he is identified with the Democracy he votes for the man regardless of party affiliations.

FRANCIS A. SHAW, son of Obed A. and Mary E. Shaw, was born on the sixth day of July, 1879, at Luray, Henry county, Indiana, where for more than twenty years his father was engaged in the merchandise business and operated a harness shop. The grandfather, Nicholas Shaw, was one of the early settlers of Wayne county, emigrating to that county from North Carolina with his family in September, 1826, where he resided on a farm near what is now Economy, and it was on this farm on the twelfth day of April, 1840, that the father of Francis A. was born.

When Francis A. was six years old the father sold his store and harness shop to his eldest son, William R., and moved with his family upon a small farm west of Cowan, in Monroe township, Delaware county, Indiana, where he has ever since and does now reside.

The family of Obed A. has consisted of ten children, of whom there is now living, William R., who is a farmer and lives upon the site of the old family homestead at Luray; Enos L., who is a graduate of Purdue University, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is a consulting engineer in Chicago, having an office at 1105 Monadnock building, Chicago; Francis A., the subject of this sketch; Orian L. and Orpha E. Shaw, a twin brother and sister, who reside at home with the parents.

Francis A. Shaw attended and graduated from the common schools

position among the representatives of the bar in Delaware county. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, and is winning a reputation through earnest, honest labor, and his present standing is but the merited tribute to his ability. He has demonstrated his ability to successfully handle the intricate problems of jurisprudence and now has one of the largest and best clientages in his county. Mr. Shaw is a general practitioner, but is considered a specialist on insurance and municipal matters, and is admitted to practice in all of the state and Federal courts.

Before his admission to the bar, Mr. Shaw took up the study of stenography and mastered its principles without the aid of a teacher and became so proficient that he has held the position for short periods of both the Delaware and Randolph Circuit courts.

Mr. Shaw, while an active, energetic Republican, has always stood for the rights of the people of his county first, and has refused to support nominees of his party on the county ticket when he considered them unworthy of his support. He has always refused to be controlled by political bosses and has always stood for good citizenship rather than partyism in local affairs. He has for a number of years been identified with local Good Citizenship Leagues.

Just a few days after his admission to the bar and on the 18th day of July, 1900, Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Virgie E. Wright, only child of Charles F. and Mary J. Wright, of Richmond, Indiana. This union has been blessed by one daughter, Helen M., who was born on the 7th day of August, 1902.

Mr. Shaw holds membership relations with the Delaware Lodge, F. & A. M., with the B. P. O. E., Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Jackson Street Christian church of the city of Muncie.

**JOSIAH HUFFMAN.** In reviewing the early and much of the subsequent history of Delaware county the name of Josiah Huffman will be found prominently recorded on its pages. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1822, and his death occurred in Delaware county, Indiana, on the 7th of September, 1897. He was a son of Aaron Huffman, who came to the United States from his native land of Germany and established his home first in Virginia, from whence he later removed to Greene county, Ohio, and there his death occurred.

When a mere child Josiah Huffman was bound out, and thus his chances for gaining an education in his youth were extremely limited. He made his own way in the world from an early period in life, and was reared to manhood's estate in Ohio, there also marrying Lettishia Bryan, who was born in Virginia. Mr. Huffman continued to follow his trade of wagon and carriage maker in Cedarville, Ohio, until the fall of 1880, when he came to Delaware county, Indiana, and located on a farm in Center township. Previous to leaving his Ohio home he had purchased the shop in which he

learned his trade, but after coming to this county he became identified with its agricultural interests, and for seventeen years he continued as one of the county's prominent business men and citizens. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. She was called to the home beyond in 1885. In their family were five children, Ferdinand Jasper, Calaway F. (deceased), Wilmuth A., Josiah N. and one who died in infancy.

Wilmuth A. Huffman was born in Cedarville, Ohio, July 24, 1857, and in that city he was also reared to mature years and received his educational training. It was there, too, that he learned his trade of carriage trimming in his father's shop, but after coming to Indiana with his parents he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and save for a period of nine years spent as a merchant he has since been prominently identified with the tilling of the soil. His nine years as a merchant were spent at Royerton. He is the owner of an estate of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent farming land, and Center township numbers him among her leading agriculturists and business men. His political support is given to the Republican party.

Mr. Huffman married in 1884 Estella I. Clark, a daughter of Robert and Fannie (Kemper) Clark, and they have one child, Lulu May. Robert Kemper was a son of Arthur Smith Kemper, whose history will be found in that of Dr. Kemper. Woodson Clark was the grandfather of Mrs. Huffman. Robert Clark is engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Poland China hogs, and he also has both full blood and high grade Jerseys. Mr. Huffman is a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of the Maccabees.

H. R. GALLIVAN, chief of the fire department of Muncie and one of the city's most popular and trustworthy officials, is a native son of the Buckeye state, born in Bellefontaine on the 6th of March, 1877, but his parents, Maurice and Mary (Kirby) Gallivan, were both natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States at the age of twenty-nine years, and twice he took up his abode in Delaware county, first in 1874 and again in 1892.

After completing his education in the schools of Ohio H. R. Gallivan learned the plumbing business, and continued in that occupation for several years after his removal to Muncie. In 1900 he joined the fire department, and two years later became assistant chief, while in 1906 he was promoted to the high office of chief. When he assumed charge there were thirteen men in the department, while under his able administration the membership has been advanced to twenty and two new fire houses have been erected, furnished with all the modern appliances and they are thoroughly up to date

**HAROLD C. R. WALL.** The subject of this review, Harold C. R. Wall, has attained a marked success in business affairs, has gained the respect and confidence of his fellows, and is recognized as one of the distinctively representative citizens of Muncie. As a leading real estate dealer he has been energetic, keenly discriminating and sagacious, qualities which win success wherever applied to the practical affairs of life.

Mr. Wall is a native of Wadsworth, Medina county, Ohio, born on the 26th of December, 1865, his parents being Paul and Isabella (Rothacker) Wall, both Ohioans and of German descent. The paternal family of Walls, or Wahls, was established in the United States in 1771 by the great-great-great-grandfather of Harold C. R. Wall, who was one of seven brothers and settled in northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1819 the great-grandfather migrated to Ohio, while the father, Paul Wall, became a farmer in that state. As a grain dealer and manufacturer he was afterward identified with the commercial and industrial interests of that section of the state, and thus continued until his retirement from active business in the early '80s. His death occurred on the 23rd of November, 1906, and he is still survived by his widow. Her family, the Geigers, were for two centuries apothecaries in Germany, and Harold seems to have inherited a taste for the profession.

Completing his educational training in Oberlin College, from which he graduated in 1887, Mr. Wall engaged in the drug business at Akron, Ohio, where he remained for seven years. Going thence to Seattle, Washington, he again entered the drug business, being thus employed during the disastrous fire which swept through the city. In this fiery casualty he had many exciting experiences, and he had the satisfaction of saving his employer's stock from destruction. Soon after returning to the East he resumed the drug business at Akron, advancing to the front ranks in this line before his retirement from the field in 1893. He then entered real estate, purchasing and reorganizing the Abstract Title-Guarantee & Trust Company, which is the only recognized authority on titles in the city. He also organized and became manager of the Permanent Savings & Loan Company, which is now one of the leading institutions of the city. Selling his interest in both of these companies Mr. Wall came to Muncie in 1900 and purchased the property of the Muncie Land Company, which was in the hands of a receiver at that time. In order to handle the property the Citizens Land Company, controlled by himself and family, was organized, and under his skillful management that organization has been largely instrumental in the improvement and upbuilding of the city.

On coming to Muncie Mr. Wall identified himself with the progressive business element of the city, and became a member of the old Commercial Club, serving as vice president thereof for one year. He was one of the organizers of the new Commercial Club, of which he was vice president for three years and president for one year, while for two years he was also chairman of the manufacturing committee. He is a man of keen foresight and sagacity, is energetic, enterprising and reliable, and therefore during the

comparatively few years of his residence in Muncie has made many judicious and profitable investments, as well as earned the confidence of the public and a liberal share of its real estate patronage.

In March, 1889, Mr. Wall was married to Miss Minnie S. Gilbert, of Cleveland, Ohio. Although, as stated, he has spent but comparatively few years in Muncie, he has made his mark in the city, and is widely known and held in uniform regard by its residents.

DUNCAN WILLIAMS, whose death occurred January 3, 1892, had spent almost his entire life in Hamilton township, where he was known as a successful farmer, a man of integrity and trustworthiness in public and private life. His name has a place in the official affairs of his township, which he served as trustee.

His active life was spent on a farm which his father had entered during the pioneer days of Hamilton township. Josiah D. Williams, the father, was born in Adams county, Ohio, October 21, 1800, and the same county was the birthplace of the son Duncan on November 9, 1832. Josiah D. Williams came to Delaware county in the fall of 1835, entering one hundred and sixty acres in Hamilton township, and a year later he brought his family to this new home, and both parents and children began the work of clearing the wilderness and making a home. Among the early settlers Josiah D. Williams was a prominent character, a man of uprightness and industry, serving his township in various offices, and his death in 1855 was a loss to the citizenship of the community. He had married, in 1821, Emily McCall, daughter of a Scotch settler of the Ohio valley, and of their union were seven children, namely: Maria, William McC., John W., Mary, Duncan, Martha and Sarah J. Of these Martha, wife of Amos Shafer, of this county, is the only one still living.

Duncan Williams came to this county at such an early age that he may be considered to have passed his entire lifetime in the county. An education in such early schools as the country districts afforded was followed, in 1850, by his entrance in the Delaware County Seminary at Muncie, where he was a pupil during two years in what was then the highest educational institution of the county. When his father died he bought the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, and as a farmer and stock-raiser he was one of the men who contributed substantial results to the rural development of this county. His name and influence were connected with various enterprises and movements, and as trustee he assisted the progress of education and the public schools. He was a Democrat in politics, and, with his family, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Duncan Williams, the widow of this well known old citizen, who now makes her home in Muncie, was a daughter of Robert Clark, one of the earliest settlers of Delaware county. Robert Clark, son of Woodson Clark, was born in Madison county, Kentucky, January 27, 1816, and came to this county at the age of sixteen, where he died April 22, 1895. By his marriage

to Frances Kemper he had the following children: Sarah J., William G., Mary A., Lucy B., John W., Margaret F., Carrie G., Thomas J., Stella J., Ralph H. Sarah J. Clark married Duncan Williams September 23, 1858. Mrs. Williams has four living children, namely: Lucy, Emma, Gertrude and Robert J., while one, William K., is deceased.

HUGH ALVIN COWING, physician and surgeon, was born near the city of Muncie July 28, 1860, a son of Granville and Lucy (Moran) Cowing and a grandson of Joseph Cowing. After completing his education in the common schools of Delaware county and graduating from the Muncie high school with the class of 1882, Hugh A. Cowing taught school in this county for eight years, from 1879 until 1887. It was in 1886 that he began the study of medicine, first under the supervision of Dr. G. W. H. Kemper, of Muncie, and later attended three courses of lectures at the Miami Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He received his degree of M. D. from that institution March 11, 1890, and on the 24th of the same month entered into a partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. G. W. H. Kemper, at Muncie. This relationship continued until 1897, and since then he has continued alone in this city.

Dr. Cowing is a member of the Delaware County (Indiana) Medical Society, of which he was the secretary in 1893 and the president in 1906; a member of the Indiana State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, of the American Public Health Association; was a member of the Indiana State Committee of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, 1908; has been secretary of the Delaware County Board of Health since 1890; and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Cowing is also the president of the Delaware County Children's Home Association and president of the Delaware County Board of Children's Guardians. His contributions to medical literature are: "Tobacco; its Effect Upon the Health and Morals of a Community"; "Diseases of the Cornea"; "Paracentesis Thoracis," *Indiana Medical Journal*, May, 1892; "A Case of Tetanus; Recovery," *Ibid.*, January, 1893; "Fracture of the Skull; Report of Two Cases, with Operation and Recovery," June, 1894; "Report of a Case of Purpura," *Cincinnati Lancet Clinic*, January 27, 1894; History of the Small Pox Epidemic at Muncie, Indiana, in 1893, and "Management of an Outbreak of Small Pox," Twelfth Annual Report of the Indiana State Board of Health, 1893; "How Shall We Solve the Tuberculosis Problem?" 1905; "The Adulteration of Food and Drugs," Delaware County Medical Society; "Twins and their Relation to Obstetric Procedures," 1901; "The Modern Sanatorium Treatment of Tuberculosis," 1906, Indiana State Medical Society; "Shall Indiana Improve Her Laws which Regulate the Practice of Medicine?" 1896; "The Tuberculosis Sanatorium," 1905, Health Officers' School, Indianapolis; "The Relation of the Physician to the Tuberculosis Problem"; 1906, American Public Health Association, Mexico City, Mexico; "The Hospital and the Sanatorium a Ne-

cessity in the Combat Against Tuberculosis," 1906; Tuberculosis Exhibit, Indianapolis; and "Six Hundred Cases of Labor in Private Practice," 1907, Delaware County Medical Society.

Dr. Cowing married, June 23, 1892, Miss Alice E. Frey, of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have two children, Kemper Frey Cowing and Rachel Cowing.

**EDWARD TUHEY.** The subject of this review, Edward Tuhey, is a worthy representative of that type of American character and of that progressive spirit which promote public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests. He has long been prominently identified with the business interests of Muncie, and while his varied affairs have brought him success they have also advanced the general welfare by accelerating commercial activity. Mr. Tuhey is of Irish ancestry, his father, Edward Tuhey, having been born in county Cork, Ireland, but when twenty years of age he came to the United States, and like many of his countrymen from the Emerald Isle, engaged in railroad work. He came to Indiana at the time of the construction of the Big Four Railroad, locating in Muncie, where his life's labors were ended in death on the 1st of July, 1895. He became a loyal and patriotic American citizen, and during the Civil war served as a soldier in the Thirty-fifth Indiana Infantry.

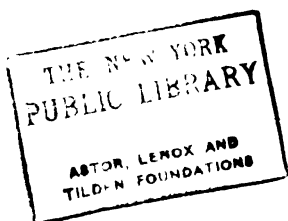
In Muncie, on the 14th of January, 1856, occurred the birth of Edward Tuhey, and after completing his education in its public schools he was engaged in teaching for twelve years in Delaware county. Leaving the profession for a business career, he engaged in contracting and building in Muncie, and to him belongs the credit of having built the larger part of the drainage system of this city. Four years later he erected the rolling mills and engaged in the manufacture of iron, as a member of the Muncie Iron & Steel Company, and thus he continued for about ten years. On the expiration of that period he organized the Tuhey Canning Company, this being in 1900, and since the time of its organization the enterprise has grown in volume and importance until it is now classed among the leading industrial institutions of Delaware county. They can only tomatoes, of which they ship from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five carloads annually. In addition to his extensive business interests Mr. Tuhey has also taken an active part in the public affairs of his native city, and for four years during Cleveland's administration, he served as its postmaster, while from 1898 until 1902 he served in the highest office within the gift of his fellow citizens, that of mayor, wherein he was active and earnest in his advocacy of all measures for the public good.

On the 18th of October, 1876, Mr. Tuhey was united in marriage to Mary Edna McKinley, a daughter of Alexander McKinley, one of the honored pioneer residents of Delaware county. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tuhey all are living, and three are associated with their father in business. He has been an influential factor in the progress of Muncie, and, alone and unaided, he has carved his way to the high position he now occupies.

**DAVID A. LAMBERT.** One of the best known among men who have held public office in Delaware county is David A. Lambert. His first public position was that of deputy county treasurer, to which place he was appointed in 1891 by Mark Powers, who at the election in 1890 was made county



*Edward Tukey.*



from April 1, 1903, to April 1, 1907. On the 18th of February, 1908, he was nominated by the Republicans of Delaware county as their candidate for state senator. For many years Mr. Lambert has been very much interested in agricultural pursuits, and takes much interest in the management of a fertile and well kept farm which he owns in Hamilton township. He has never been too busy in public life to neglect the affairs of the farm, and his success in agriculture has been fully demonstrated.

Mr. Lambert was one of a family of nine children, having been born in Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, on the 29th of June, 1861. His father was John N. Lambert, one of the pioneers in the settlement of Salem township. He was born in Ohio, near Cincinnati, December 26, 1829, and, after a few years spent in southern Indiana, came to Delaware county about the year 1852. Here, for almost a quarter of a century, he lived on rented land, enduring all of the hardships incident to those times in Indiana. Industrious, honest, of good habits, upright and kind-hearted, John N. Lambert was a noble example for his children, and all who came in contact with him. After a long period of renting, he purchased the farm which he had tilled so long, and began to work out his ideas of a home. At the time the farm was purchased, much of it was in woods. With his proverbial pluck and perseverance he went about clearing it for the plow, draining the soil and making such other improvement as his financial circumstances would permit. On the first day of June, 1907, he passed away, after a lingering and painful illness, at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother of David A. Lambert was Nancy J. (Graham) Lambert, who was the daughter of Joseph Graham and was born in 1830. She was a woman of rare virtue, intelligence and good sense, and, by reason of her teaching and righteous living, instilled into the minds of her children a desire not only to live pure and cleanly lives but to do something and to be somebody in the world. She died in 1879 at the age of forty-nine years.

David A. Lambert attended the schools of Salem township during his boyhood days, and later became a student in the Central Indiana Normal College, located at Danville, Indiana. When eighteen years of age he began teaching and continued to teach for twelve years, and it was at the close of that period that he entered upon his long and successful career as a public official.

On September 3, 1889, Mr. Lambert was married to Elizabeth Kirklin, who was born in Delaware county on March 26, 1867. To this union were born two children—Marian, October 2, 1890, and Mildred, November 25, 1891. The loving and faithful wife and mother died July 13, 1893, only living long enough to prove her worth to husband and daughters and leaving them a legacy of undying and unending love, and the influence of a courageous and devoted womanhood. Her life was pure and spotless, and her life, though short, a blessing to all who knew her. On July 29, 1896, Mr. Lambert was married to Miss Anna M. Meeker, who was the daughter of Chester C. Meeker and Ann (Johnston) Meeker, who were natives of the state of New York. Miss Meeker was born July 29, 1870. To this union were born three sons—Jean, born August 30, 1900; George, born February 22, 1904, and David, born July 14, 1906.

Mr. Lambert is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Red Men. As stated before, he is a Republican and active in all movements having a tendency to better the conditions of his city or county.

FRANK L. GASS, judge of the city court of Muncie was born in that place on the 22d of March, 1872, and, with the exception of two years spent in Missouri, has resided therein all his life. He spent twelve years

in the acquiring of an education, which was preparatory to his collegiate courses, entering one of the city schools at the age of six years and graduating from the high school when eighteen years old. In the fall of 1890 he became a student in the Indiana State University, and after completing a scientific course commenced the study of law, graduating from the latter department in 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Law.

Immediately after his admission to the bar Judge Gass commenced the practice of his profession in Muncie, but after five years of substantial success was induced to test the stories which came to him of the wealth being made in the lead and zinc mines of Missouri. In 1899-1900 he therefore resided in Webb City, that state, and profitably conducted various interests in the field mentioned; but on account of the failing health of his father he returned to Muncie to assist him in the buggy business. His professional standing and his upright and able character as a man were about to be recognized by the community at large in his decisive election as judge of the city court in 1905. Although Judge Gass is a Democrat and Muncie is normally a Republican city by about two thousand majority, he was honored by a majority of five hundred and sixty-five. His term of service does not expire until January 1, 1910, and as his record has already materially advanced his legal and judicious name it is probable that greater public preferments are in store for him. The Judge is also one of the most prominent members of the Knights of Pythias in the state, and in October, 1907, was elected Grand Chancellor of the order for Indiana.

Judge Gass is of German parentage and ancestry, his father, Charles Gass, having emigrated from the fatherland to the United States in 1865, being then a youth of eighteen. The mother is of German extraction, but was born and raised in Hancock county, her maiden name being Schrieber.

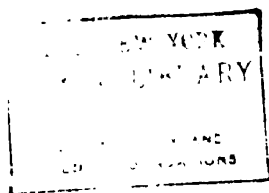
In 1903 Judge Gass was married to Annie L. Burch, of Cartersville, Missouri.

L. T. LOAR, M. D. In the practice of medicine, in Muncie, Dr. Loar has demonstrated the fact that he is well informed concerning the principles of the medical science and their correct application to the needs of suffering humanity, and has therefore been accorded a liberal patronage. His birth occurred in West Virginia on the 12th of October, 1860, a son of Harmon and Elizabeth (Workman) Loar, both also natives of that commonwealth and descendants of prominent old southern families. They were married September 15, 1846. The father spent his entire life in the Panhandle state, prominently identified with its agricultural interests, and he died at the old home place there September 27, 1892. His widow still resides there.

In the public schools of his native commonwealth of West Virginia Dr. Loar received his early literary training, and he was early inured to the duties of the fields. In 1878 he began farming for himself, and continued until 1884, when he engaged in the lumber business in Wayne county, West



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Virginia. Choosing the practice of medicine as his life occupation, in 1889 he entered upon a course of study in the Louisville Medical College, graduating therein in 1891, and immediately afterward he began practice in West Virginia. After four years of practice in his native commonwealth Dr. Loar located in Pickaway county, Ohio, where for two years he was actively engaged in the practice of medicine, and in 1898 he came to Muncie, Indiana, and opened an office. His professional career here has been attended with marked success, and his name is fast becoming a household word in the homes of the community. He has always taken a deep interest in the political and public affairs of his locality, and votes with the Democratic party.

On November, 28, 1895, Dr. Loar was united in marriage to Clara B. Dickason, a native of Jackson, Ohio, born July 18, 1869, a daughter of Charles Dickason, also of the Buckeye state. They have become the parents of two children, Ruth H., born on the 20th of January, 1897, in Pickaway county, Ohio, and Laban Theodore, born February 27, 1903, in Muncie, Indiana. In his fraternal relations the Doctor is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of Red Men, and is also a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and of the Delaware Medical Society.

Do what conscience says is right,  
Do what reason says is best,  
Do with all your might and mind,  
Do your duty and be blessed.

SIDNEY A. JEWETT, deceased, was born in the state of New York June 16, 1833. His father, Jeremiah Jewett, was also a native of the Empire State, but he came to Muncie when his son Sidney was a little lad of five years, or in 1838. He was a burner of lime, and followed that occupation for many years, being a pioneer of that once important industry in Muncie. His death occurred in this city at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Sidney A. Jewett was reared and received his educational training in Muncie, and this city was the place of his residence during the remainder of his life. During the early years of his life he burned lime with his father, and when the Civil war was inaugurated he tendered his services in defense of the Union by enlisting in Company B, Sixty-ninth Indiana Infantry. He served three years in the army and took part in every battle and engagement in which his regiment was engaged. Returning home after the close of hostilities, he was for several years thereafter variously employed, and during the fifteen years preceding his death was the proficient superintendent of the Beech Grove Cemetery, of Muncie. His death occurred on the 3d of February, 1904.

In the year of 1857 Mr. Jewett married Miss Sarah Conn, who survives him and yet resides in Muncie. She was born in Delaware county, Indiana, October 30, 1840, and her father, Mr. Simon Conn, was one of the early

pioneers of the county, not only as a settler but also as the operator of a wagon freight line between Muncie and Cincinnati. Unto the union of Sidney A. and Sarah Jewett were born the following children: Ida, now Mrs. Fred Watson; Charles E., deceased; William M., deceased; Fred E., of whom further mention will be found below; and Nellie, unmarried and living with her mother. Mrs. Jewett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a highly esteemed lady. Her life has been one of kindness and fidelity to home, church and neighbor, and she is loved and honored by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her husband was a member of the Universalist church, was possessed of moral and praiseworthy habits, and many were his warm and faithful friends. He was a kind and loving husband and father, always ready to do all within his power to add to the comfort and happiness of his family. He was a member of Williams Post No. 78, Department of Indiana, G. A. R., and also of the Senior Order of United American Mechanics.

Fred E. Jewett is the efficient superintendent of the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company, a position he has held for more than fifteen years, or since his graduation from the Muncie High school. He is the only son of the lately deceased Sidney Jewett, and is also a native son of Muncie, born July 15, 1874, and was reared in the city of his birth. In 1901 he married Miss LaRhue Dungan. Mr. Jewett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of the Odd Fellows fraternity and is a Master Mason. In politics he supports the men and measures of the Republican party.

GEORGE F. McCULLOCH. With the history of Muncie during its rapid progress after the discovery of natural gas, while a town was growing into a metropolitan center, no one individual is more closely identified than George F. McCulloch. His name is connected with the first efforts to increase the manufacturing interests. With the organization of the Enterprise Company in 1892, he at once became an important factor in the success of that movement, which undoubtedly was the solid foundation for the permanent future welfare of the city. He was secretary of its soliciting committee, and his enthusiasm and downright hard work for the cause brought the subscriptions to an amount where the company became a positive influence in promoting the manufacturing growth of the city. When the city became tired of its antiquated street-car service, Mr. McCulloch took a leading part in the promotion of a company to give the city electric service, and after he had built a system within the city he became foremost in the more recent undertaking to connect Muncie with other towns by inter-urban. He was treasurer of the original Union Traction Company, and was its general manager before the present incumbent, A. W. Brady. To many people Mr. McCulloch is perhaps best known because of his donation to the city (in May, 1901) of the tract of land now called McCulloch Park, which is destined to be a source of lasting benefit and value to the present

and future generations of Muncie citizens. As an illustration of Mr. McCulloch's business energy, we may mention what is told on other pages that he was the founder of the Muncie Star Publishing Company, and one of the principal promoters of the newspaper syndicate that now publishes papers in two other cities, and that within five years' time brought the circulation of the *Star* up to nearly thirty thousand, eclipsing all other papers in the local field. Mr. McCulloch was a member of the Whiteley Land Company, which, during the early nineties, promoted the sale of the Whiteley subdivision and established the suburb of Whiteley.

While this summary comprises what are probably the best known of Mr. McCulloch's achievements, it is by no means all, and many of his undertakings are noted at their proper place in the general history of the county. His business connections have also been with the Indiana Bridge Company, the Nelson Glass Company, the Muncie Natural Gas Company, and many other large enterprises.

Thirty years ago Mr. McCulloch was only known to the people of town and county as a young man occupying the position of deputy county clerk, ambitious, energetic and politically popular, but had not yet achieved remarkable success. Born in Lancaster, Ohio, September 25, 1855, a son of Dr. James McCulloch, who, from 1856 to 1877, was a well known physician of Muncie, George F. had attended graded and high school in Muncie, and then became a clerk for some of the merchants, among them the Casady Queensware Company; also delivered groceries for William Stewart, carried the mail and handled baggage, and, in fact, did the things closest to him, and did them so well that he was early marked as a young man of enterprise. In the early days of photography he learned that business in connection with Lon M. Neely, but abandoned that occupation in 1872 to become deputy county clerk under G. W. Greene, and was retained in that office during the term of A. L. Kerwood. In the meantime he had studied law and been admitted to the bar, and in 1881 he formed a law partnership with the late John McMahan. His active practice was interrupted within two years, and the partnership dissolved on account of his election in 1882 to the office of county clerk. He was re-elected in 1886, and left the office at the close of his term to enter actively into the busy scenes that characterized the development of Muncie during the early nineties. Mr. McCulloch married in September, 1883, Cora, the daughter of the well-known Muncie merchant and business man, Arthur Patterson. Mrs. McCulloch at her death left one daughter, Martha.

Mr. McCulloch's mother, who, before her marriage, was Miss Caroline J. Foulke, daughter of Dr. George D. Foulke, was a woman of remarkable character and talents, and during the last thirty years of her life was the principal leader in the various movements to advance the moral, aesthetic and educational standards of the city. Her life and character were, it is believed by those who knew her best, at the very foundation of her present culture of Muncie. A deserved tribute to her work as a charter mem-

ber of the Muncie Woman's Club has been paid by a friend in connection with the history of that club, but not only in the worthy movements undertaken by this club, but in many others she was an enthusiastic and devoted worker and an inspiring leader for many years. In order to perpetuate the influence of her noble character and leave a permanent tribute to her devoted work it is the purpose of her son, Mr. McCulloch, to build a memorial chapel as the home of the Episcopal church of Muncie (see history of the church). Mrs. McCulloch died May 14, 1904.

CHARLES MABERRY KIMBROUGH. The name of Charles M. Kimbrough stands conspicuously forth on the pages of Indiana's political and industrial history. The nation is greatest which produces the greatest and most manly men, as these must constitute the essentially greatest nation. Pursuing each his personal good by exalted means they wrought on lines of the greatest good. Thus it is that the safety of our republic depends not so much upon the methods and measures as upon that manhood from whose deep sources all that is precious and permanent in life must at last proceed.

We are led to the foregoing reflections in reviewing, even in a cursory way, the salient points which mark the career of him whose name appears above. He has not alone attained prestige in the pursuit of his extensive business interests, but has been conspicuously identified with many interests which have subverted the material prosperity of Indiana, has proved a valuable factor in the legislative and political councils of his state, and has been in constant sympathy and touch with the work of Christianity that stands as an earnest of effective and zealous personal labor. As one of the representative men of Delaware county Senator Kimbrough deserves consideration in this compilation.

In the village of Clarksville, Clinton county, Ohio, on the 5th of November, 1847, there was born to Ira and Clara H. (Howland) Kimbrough, also natives of Clinton county, a son to whom was given the name of Charles Maberry. After completing his education in the public schools the lad followed agricultural pursuits for a time, but his tastes and inclinations were toward mechanics and he accordingly learned the trades of a blacksmith and machinist. When he had reached the age of twenty-six years he entered the mercantile business in Connersville, Indiana, but seeking a larger field for his endeavors he came to Muncie in 1876 and opened the first exclusive book and paper store in this city. In 1887, however, he retired from that business in order to become the manager of the Indiana Bridge Company, which had been established one year previously, and after two years as manager he was elected the president and general manager of the corporation, which, under his able management, has grown to larger proportions. During the first year the output of the manufactory was seven hundred thousand pounds of finished metal, but in the present year it will exceed ten thousand tons. It is needless to say that in this

gradual rise Mr. Kimbrough has brought to bear his rare executive ability, his mature judgment and indomitable energy and enterprise in shaping the affairs of the company and gaining for it the object for which it is striving.

In his political adherency Mr. Kimbrough has ever been arrayed in support of the Republican party and in its principles, and it was in but natural sequence that he should become an active worker in the cause and one of the leaders in political work. From 1882 to 1883 he served as a member of the city council; from 1883 to 1884 as a member of the school board; in November, 1890, was elected clerk of the circuit court; and was appointed by Governor Durbin, in 1902, a member of the board of control of the state prison. In 1904 he was elected to the state senate from Delaware county, where he represented his constituency in a manly and straightforward manner, and his success in that high official position affords the best evidence of his capabilities as a leader. Previous to this time he had served as a delegate to the convention which nominated McKinley and Roosevelt. In 1895 he was appointed by Governor Hanley as delegate to the Peace Conference in New York; in September, 1896, was appointed by Governor Hanley to the Prison Congress in Albany, New York; and in December, 1896, was appointed by the governor to the Des Moines convention, which was called to advocate the election of United States senators by popular vote, and he is now one of the five commissioners on that subject. As a strong opponent of capital punishment he has been heard in the press and on the platform, and in the senate he was a strong factor in its opposition. He is distinctively a man of broad human sympathy, clearly defined principles and high intellectuality, and these have so entered into his make-up as to render him a natural leader and a director of opinion.

In 1870 Mr. Kimbrough was united in marriage to Margaret A. Curry, a daughter of James and Mary Curry, old residents of Clinton county, Ohio. Out of this union were born three sons: Hal C., Frank H. and James L. The eldest, Hal C., is president of the Kimbrough Hardware Company; Frank H. is vice-president of the Indiana Bridge Company, and James L. is treasurer of the Indiana Bridge Company. Senator Kimbrough has membership relations with the Masonic fraternity, connected with the chapter and commandery, and his services in the Civil war, as a member of Company I, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, entitles him to membership in Williams Post, No. 78, G. A. R. During the long period of forty years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Energetic, patriotic, with high ideals and a strong advocate of purity in public as well as private life, his example is well worthy of emulation.

**MARK POWERS.** Few men in Delaware county are more widely known or have attained greater prominence in its business circles than Mark Powers, the president of the Gaston Banking Company. He was one of the organizers of this prominent industrial concern, which had its inception on the 15th of May, 1902, and to him belongs the honor of being its first presi-

dent. He is also the president and treasurer of the Gaston Canning Company, a director and stockholder of the Merchants' Bank at Muncie, is interested in the Powers & Company hardware business at Gaston, and is also interested in a hardware firm in Muncie known as Powers & Thompson. His faithful service in public life, as well as his personal worth, make the following history of general interest not only to the readers of the present day but also to future historians of this section.

Mr. Powers was born in Elizabethtown (named in honor of his grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson), Delaware county, Indiana, June 4, 1845, his parents being Uriah and Sylvania (Wilson) Powers. The father was born in West Virginia, but during the early '30's he came with his father, John Powers, to Indiana, where he entered eighty acres of land in Grant county, while later on he opened a store in Wheeling. He also built the Elizabeth Mills in Elizabethtown, and continued their conduct up to the time of his death, which occurred in Marion, Grant county, Indiana, in 1860, when he had attained the age of sixty-five years. In Elizabethtown, Delaware county, Mr. Powers married Sylvania Wilson, who was born in Ohio, and died in 1856 at the age of forty-five years. Their union was blessed by the birth of eight children, but only two of the number are now living, Mark and George, the last-named a resident of Washington township, Delaware county.

During his boyhood days Mark Powers was deprived by death of his father, and he then went to live with his uncle, John Powers, in Henry county, Indiana, remaining with him for about four years. His district school education was supplemented by an attendance of two terms in the school of Muncie and one term in the Jonesboro select school. In 1864 he offered his services to the Union cause in the Civil war as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, for one hundred days. In the spring of 1865, having served his term in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth, he reënlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Regiment, for one year. His services continued until the close of the conflict, and returning to his home, he resumed his farming operations in Washington township, also buying and shipping stock to Buffalo and Pittsburg. In 1890 he was elected to the office of treasurer of Delaware county, taking the oath of office on the 10th of August following, and he was reelected to that position in 1892. He also served eight years as a trustee of Washington township. He was true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as well as in times of war.

In February, 1867, Mr. Powers married Mary M. Ferguson, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, in 1849, the only child of

ber died in infancy, and George died in September, 1897, aged twenty-seven years and one month, and at the time of his death he was deputy treasurer of Delaware county. The six now living are Bert, Webb, Susan S., Paul, Bruce and John.

WASHINGTON MAYNARD. Among those who assisted in transforming Delaware county from a wilderness to its present high state of development is numbered the Maynard family, who established their home within its borders in a very early day in its history. When but a little lad Washington Maynard assisted his father in the clearing and cultivation of his farm, in the meantime attending the public schools near his home during the winter months when his services were not needed at home. When he had reached the age of twenty-one years he began farming for himself, purchasing forty acres of land, on which had been erected a little log cabin, built with a mud and stick chimney. As his means permitted Mr. Maynard bought more land, and in 1872 built him a hewed log house. Farming continued as his occupation until 1890, when he left the farm, and since that time he has been engaged in the practice of law in Gaston. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is distinctively a man of high intellectuality and clearly defined principles, and these attributes have naturally led him into associations aside from his professional and business life.

Mr. Maynard was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, June 21, 1837, but his educational training was received in the schools of Washington township in Delaware county. He is a son of Benjamin and Letha (Tracy) Maynard, both of whom were born in Virginia, but the deaths of these honored Delaware county pioneers occurred in Washington township, the father when he had reached the age of seventy-five years and four months and the mother at the age of sixty-five years. They were married in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and became the parents of seven children, four of whom are now living, namely: Nancy, Washington, Emily and James R., the last-named a resident of Washington township.

Benjamin Maynard, the father, followed agricultural pursuits in Ohio until his removal to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1841, making the journey hither with team and wagon and locating in Washington township, three miles northwest of where Gaston now stands, where he first purchased forty acres of timber land in the dense wilderness. Building him a little log cabin, twenty by twenty-four feet in size, he took up his abode therein and began the work of clearing his land. After clearing a few acres, however, he sold that property and bought another tract in the wilderness, consisting of eighty acres. He succeeded in clearing and placing his land under an excellent cultivation, and was numbered among the prominent agriculturists of the township, as well as one of its earliest and most honored pioneer residents. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and voted with the Whig party.

Mr. Washington Maynard, whose name introduces this review, married, September 24, 1859, Martha Jane Thompson, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, January 10, 1842, the daughter of David and Malinda (Davis) Thompson. The father was born in Butler county, Ohio, October 27, 1817, and is now living with Mr. Maynard. He is the son of David Thompson, Sr., who came to Henry county, Indiana, in 1823. Mrs. Thompson was born in Licking county, Ohio, and died on the 10th of September, 1904. On the 24th of August, 1837, in Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, she gave her hand in marriage to David Thompson, and they became the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters—Alzina, Amanda (deceased), Martha, Reuben (deceased), George (deceased), and Joseph P., living in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came to Delaware county in 1837, soon after their marriage, locating in Washington township, where Mr. Thompson erected a little log cabin twelve by fourteen feet and cleared about three acres of timber land. He later bought one hundred and sixty acres of heavily wooded land west of where Gaston now stands, which he also cleared, and in 1874 moved to Muncie. Since 1901, however, he has been a resident of Gaston, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Maynard. He became a member of the United Brethren church when twenty-five years of age, and in his political affiliations he was first a Whig, then a Republican, and now casts his vote independent of party ties. He was elected a justice of the peace in 1872 and was the incumbent for twelve and a half years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Maynard have been born the following children: Mary A., Aggy L., George T., all of whom are deceased, and John, who is living in Whiteley county, Indiana, and David S., a resident of the old homestead farm in Washington township. They also have five grandchildren. Mr. Maynard was made a Mason in Wheeling Lodge No. 324, A. F. & A. M., was also a charter member of New Corner Lodge No. 425, A. F. & A. M., of which he served as master for eight years, and was demitted to Delaware lodge of that order at Muncie. He is also a member of New Corner Lodge No. 524, I. O. O. F., at Gaston, and of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as trustee, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a firm advocate of the principles of the Prohibition party.

BENONI BEUOY was born in the little log house which his father had built on the old homestead farm, which the son yet owns and cultivates, in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, September 15, 1838, the youngest son of Thomas and Mary (Hart) Beuoy, the history of whose lives will be found in the sketch of their son, Randolph Beuoy.

During his boyhood days Benoni Beuoy assisted his father in clearing and improving his farm, and later he and his brothers each received one hundred acres of land from their father, continuing to work together until 1884, when their interests were dissolved, and each has since been working for himself. In 1867 Mr. Beuoy of this review and four other men made the

overland journey by rail to Omaha, and there purchasing four mule teams, passed en route Helena, Montana, and they spent sixty-six days on the road, Mr. Beuoy walking a good deal of the distance. Reaching Helena, they sold their mules and outfit and came back to Bozeman, where he remained for two years, going in 1879 to Ogden, thence to Leesburg and Grantsville, Idaho, for one summer, and was there connected with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. In the following spring he went to Cassel Rock and took up a hay ranch, where he was engaged in sheep shipping until 1882, but in that year returned to his home in Delaware county, spending thirty days on the return journey. Mr. Beuoy subsequently went to the Wasatch mountains in Utah, where he was engaged in the sheep business for two years, and returning thence to his home, engaged in agricultural pursuits with his brother Randolph. Since then he has continued the work of farming and sheep raising, raising principally Merino and Cotswold sheep, and during this year he sheared two hundred and fifty head, usually shearing from two hundred to three hundred head annually. His homestead farm consists of one hundred and eighty-nine acres of well-improved land, located in section 10, Washington township. He is a stanch Republican in his political affiliations.

On the 17th of June, 1876, Mr. Beuoy was united in marriage to Mrs. Lydia E. Smiley, who was born in Henry county, Indiana, at Blountsville, July 25, 1845, the daughter of Lee O. and Unis (Templin) Hayworth. The mother was born in 1818 in Highland county, Ohio, and her death occurred in 1875 at the age of fifty-seven years. In Henry county, Indiana, she gave her hand in marriage to Lee O. Hayworth, and of their eight children four are now living: Rebecca, who married John Thompson, and he is deceased; Mrs. Beuoy; Gerard, who is married and living in Los Angeles, California; and Hannon O.

Mr. Hayworth, the father, was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, March 24, 1823, but during his boyhood days he came with his widowed mother to Indiana, residing during their first few years in this state in Greentown. Then until 1856 he resided in Blountsville, where he followed his trade of blacksmithing, and removing to Blackford county, Indiana, purchased a farm and carried on its work in addition to his blacksmithing business until 1857, when he removed to New Cumberland, now known as East Mathews. In 1874 he removed to Fairmount, and a short time afterward to Bolivar, Missouri, where he made his home until 1903, and since that time has resided at Summittsville, Madison county, Indiana. He is a worthy member of the Christian church and is a Republican in his political affiliations.

His daughter Lydia became the wife of Henry Smiley, February 18, 1874. His death occurred on the 8th of February, 1875, and in the following year, as mentioned above, she became the wife of Mr. Beuoy. Mr. Beuoy has in his possession one of the old deeds, bearing the date of execution in 1837 and signed by President Martin Van Buren. This is one of the old souvenirs of the county.

CHARLES T. BEUOY, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Washington township, is a member of one of the oldest and most honored families of Delaware county, and it was within its borders, in Washington, township, that his birth occurred, May 2, 1870, his parents being George W. and Alzina (Thompson) Beuoy. The father, who was also a native son of this township, born October 19, 1833, spent his boyhood days in assisting his father to clear the farm from the wilderness, attending the district schools during the winter months. Remaining with his parents until twenty-eight years of age, he then purchased eighty acres of school land, heavily timbered, and hewed the logs with which to erect his first cabin home, a little building eighteen by twenty-two feet in size. After residing on this farm for about fifteen years he returned to the old homestead and spent his remaining days there, dying on the 16th of March, 1887. He was the owner of two hundred and thirty acres of rich and well-cultivated land, the larger part of which he had cleared himself. He never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, and was a Jackson Democrat politically. In his native township of Washington, September 15, 1861, Mr. Beuoy married Alzina Thompson, who was born in Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, October 12, 1838, and yet survives her husband. They became the parents of four children: Nelson R., born August 16, 1862, died June 21, 1902; Amanda A., born September 4, 1863, is the wife of Isaac Parkison, of Washington township; Annie E., born December 14, 1868, died at the age of three years; and Charles T.

Charles T. Beuoy remained with his father and assisted him with his farm work until his death. About four years after his father's death he married, and in 1902 erected a pleasant and commodious residence, also a fine barn and other modern farm buildings, the farm being one of the most fertile and best-improved tracts in the community. In addition to his general agricultural pursuits he also breeds Duroc and Poland-China hogs, feeding from one to two carloads each year, and he also breeds fine draft horses.

Mr. Beuoy married, February 4, 1892, Allie M. Milhollin, whose birth also occurred within the borders of Washington township, January 27, 1873, and she too is a member of one of the old and prominent families of Delaware county. She is a daughter of Nathan and Mary (Carmin) Milhollin, whose history will be found elsewhere in this work. One little daughter has been born of this union, Fern I., born October 18, 1892. Mr. Beuoy gives his aid and coöperation to the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Beuoy have one of the old parchment deeds, executed under the hand and seal of President Martin Van Buren, and bears the date of August 12, 1838, one of the valuable souvenirs of the county and their home. This is the sixth deed of the kind found so far in the county.

DAVID S. MAYNARD has made his home within the borders of Delaware county, the place of his nativity, throughout his entire life, and is now prom-

inently identified with its farming and stock-raising interests. In the meantime, however, he has been an extensive traveler, thus obtaining that thorough knowledge which travel alone can bring. In 1902 he visited Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver and Cripple Creek, and in 1903 traveled extensively through the west and northwest, spending some time in Kansas City. In 1904, with his wife, he again visited the northwest, attending the exposition at Portland, also visiting Seattle, Spokane and other points, touring in all ten different states. In 1906 he visited northwestern Canada, and on that trip passed through Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Mr. Maynard was born in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, October 6, 1870, a son of Washington and Martha (Thompson) Maynard, whose history will be found elsewhere in this work. He remained at home with his parents until his marriage at the age of twenty-one years, after which he resided for two years in Muncie. Removing thence to Gaston, he spent a similar period there, after which he returned to his father's farm, and has since carried on its work with the exception of the periods spent in travel. He breeds full-blooded Jersey and Duroc hogs and also full-blooded Shorthorn cattle and a good grade of horses and Shropshire sheep. He is at the present time experimenting with the raising of Turkey Red wheat, he having brought his seed wheat from Washington, and he expects to make of this a success.

On the 10th of October, 1891, Mr. Maynard was united in marriage to Ida May Marshall, who was born in Alexandria, Madison county, Indiana, May 2, 1872, a daughter of George and Mary (Rathell) Marshall. Mr. Marshall was born in Delaware county, Indiana, December 16, 1840. He was a farmer up to the time of his enlistment for the Civil war, in February, 1862, in Company B, Thirty-sixth Indiana Regulars, and was discharged in December, 1865. He participated in the raid after Hood from Chattanooga to Nashville, from Frankton to Nashville, through Texas, and from Chickamauga to Atlanta. After his return from the army he resumed his agricultural labors in Madison county, but since 1907 he has resided at the Soldiers' Home in Marion. He is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations. Mrs. Marshall was born in Ohio and died in 1875. They were married in Anderson, Anderson county, Indiana, March 12, 1867, and became the parents of three children: Charles E., who married Addie Bays and was killed in a runaway accident; Ida May, the wife of Mr. Maynard; and Mollie, who died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Marshall married, in September, 1877, Miss Elizabeth Paugh, and their two children were Norah, the wife of C. Turner, and one who died in infancy. By his third wife, Mrs. Sarah Jane Grubb, he had one son, Frederick A. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, George F. and Urbane V., born respectively September 28, 1893, and February 19, 1900. The family are members of the United Brethren church, in which Mr. Maynard is serving as a trustee at the present time.

MICHAEL CORY, who has been identified with the business interests of Delaware county throughout many years of his life, is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the Hoosier state, who trace their descent to the land of Scotland. John and William Cory emigrated from that country to the United States, and to them belongs the honor of establishing the family tree in the new world. The former, born October 9, 1611, died March 7, 1685. He was married at New London, Connecticut, July 2, 1638, to Ann Solomon, who was born in that commonwealth February 5, 1617, and died January 17, 1681.

Daniel Cory, the father of Michael, was born in Ross county, Ohio, July 7, 1808, a son of Nathan and Sarah (Wright) Cory, the former a farmer and Baptist minister. Daniel Cory came to Indiana in the spring of 1826, entering one hundred and sixty acres of land in Blue River township, Henry county, where he erected a little log cabin in the wilderness and became numbered among the commonwealth's earliest and honored residents. He withstood all the hardships and privations which were the lot of the frontier settlers, but in time he built him a two-story hewed log house, in which the remainder of his life was spent. With the passing years he also purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington township, Delaware county. He was recognized as one of the leading farmers of Henry county. His two brothers, Joseph and Abraham, located in that county in 1823, also purchasing land in Blue River township, and they were both soldiers in the war of 1812. Mr. Cory was a Jefferson Democrat politically and was a member of the Baptist church.

On the 1st of December, 1826, in Ross county, Ohio, Mr. Daniel Cory married Mary Howard, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, August 22, 1800, and died on the 14th of September, 1872, while her husband survived her for one year, dying on the 29th of August, 1873. They became the parents of eleven children: Israel, who died December 13, 1888, and his twin sister died in infancy, January 9, 1827; John, born March 18, 1828, died October 11, 1841; Henry C., who was born January 24, 1830, and died in July, 1892, in California, married Hannah Eller, also deceased; Nathan, born November 11, 1831, died September 27, 1893; Adam, born January 15, 1834, died March 17, 1903; William, born January 22, 1836, died April 29, 1836; Michael, the subject of this review; David L., born February 14, 1839, died October 30, 1884; Nancy L., born August 10, 1842, married William Barner, and is living at Keystone, Wells county, Indiana; and Solomon, born October 20, 1843, died December 3, 1846.

Michael Cory was born in Henry county, Indiana, February 1, 1837, and received his educational training in its early public schools, which he attended only from two to three months during the winter months, in the

ware county, March 20, 1861, he continued his residence here until 1867, when he removed to Sulphur Springs, Henry county, continuing mercantile pursuits there for one year. For two or more years thereafter he worked at carpentering, was also a justice of the peace, and for about five years served as the postmaster of Sulphur Springs. He was also engaged in the dry goods business there for one year, and was then in the grocery business for about eight years. On the 5th of February, 1878, he returned to Washington township and resumed his agricultural pursuits, and in 1884 he erected on his farm a commodious and substantial frame residence.

Mr. Cory married, February 21, 1861, Miss Louisa Canaday, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, December 8, 1842, a daughter of Enos and Hannah (Chamness) Canaday, the father born in North Carolina, September 27, 1819, and now living with his youngest son, Emanuel Canaday, on the old homestead in the northwest corner of Wayne county; but the mother, born August 8, 1812, died September 6, 1888. They were married near Hagerstown, Wayne county, Indiana, and became the parents of seven children: Louisa, the wife of Mr. Cory; William, born June 22, 1844, died February 9, 1866; Walter, who was born April 1, 1846, married Ellen Roe, and is living in Henry county; Jesse, born December 13, 1847, married first Jane Wright and second Delia Brown, and is living in Winchester, Randolph county, Indiana; Matilda, born May 6, 1851, married M. D. Harry, and is living in Henry county; Mary E., born September 1, 1853, married O. Williams, their home being in Wayne county, Indiana; and Emanuel, born August 10, 1856, married for his second wife Catherine Milspaw, and is living on the old homestead farm in Wayne county. Mr. Canaday married for his first wife Luella Taylor, and she is deceased. Enos Canaday came to Indiana in an early day in its history and located in Wayne county, where he owned at one time over two hundred acres of land. He cleared his land from its dense growth of timber, placed his fields under an excellent state of cultivation, and replaced the little log cabin which first served as the home for the family with a large frame dwelling, beautifully finished in walnut, and in this pleasant residence he yet makes his home, surrounded by the many comforts and luxuries which years of past labor have brought him. He is a member of the New Light or Christian church, and since 1856 he has been affiliated with the Republican party, to which he transferred his relations from the Whigs.

Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cory, namely: William L., Wesley (who died at the age of thirteen months), Mary H., Laura E., Ina I., and one who died in infancy. Mr. Cory has served as the trustee of his township for one term, representing the Democratic party, and he is a worthy and acceptable member of the Baptist church.

LEVI L. CARTER. One of the oldest and most prominent of the early families of Indiana is now worthily represented in Washington township, Delaware county, by Levi L. Carter. His paternal grandfather, Isaac G.

Carter, a native of Northport, Waldo county, Maine, born September 6, 1797, took up his abode in Grant county, Indiana, during a very early epoch in its history, where he built him a little log cabin home in the wilderness, and was thereafter prominently identified with the county's history. In Perry county, Ohio, on the 16th of December, 1819, he had married Henrietta Joslin, who was also a native of Waldo county, Maine, born June 9, 1802, but when a little lady of thirteen years, in 1815, she became a resident of Ohio. Ten sons were born of that union, and the parents both passed away in death in Grant county, Indiana, the mother on the 1st of April, 1863, and the father six years later, in 1869.

Ira J. Carter, a son of these brave and honored Indiana pioneers, was born in Washington county, Ohio, March 15, 1822, and during his early boyhood days he assisted his father in the clearing and cultivating of his farm in Grant county. He at one time was the owner of one hundred and sixty-nine acres of land, but this he divided among his children. During his younger days he taught school, and he also served as a justice of the peace and as the postmaster of Trask, receiving his commission as such in 1865, and he held that important office for twenty-seven years, or until advancing age compelled him to resign. He was a devoted and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and politically was a Jackson Democrat. On the 25th of July, 1844, in Jefferson township, Grant county, Indiana, Mr. Carter was united in marriage to Eliza Ann Corn, who was born in Rush county, this state, June 5, 1825, and they became the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are now living: Joseph N., who married Jane Patterson; Olive, the wife of John E. Kibbey; Levi L., of this review; Mary E., the wife of Elmer E. Hiatt; Isaac L., who married Margaret Fitch; Jerusha, the wife of John R. Crouse; and Amy A., the wife of Wilbert A. Helms. Mr. Carter, the father, died on the 21st of March, 1899, in Jefferson township, Grant county, and thus another of the brave and honored early residents of Indiana was called to his final reward. Mrs. Carter came to Delaware county in 1836, when Muncie had not over a dozen houses, and the hotel was a double log house, called an inn.

Levi L. Carter was born in Jefferson township, Grant county, April 13, 1855, and as a boy he worked on his father's farm during the summer months and attended the district schools in the winters. As his father was in poor health, it devolved upon the son in his early years to take charge of the old homestead, which he conducted until his twenty-seventh year, also working sixty-seven acres during this time. In the spring of 1883 he came to Washington township, Delaware county, and began farming on one hundred and sixty-five acres, while at the present time he is superintending the work of two hundred and five acres. He carries on general farm work, and also breeds a good grade of stock, cattle, sheep and hogs. In 1895 he completed the erection of his attractive and modern farm residence, and he is numbered among the progressive and leading agriculturists and business men of Washington township.

On the 1st of October, 1882, Mr. Carter was united in marriage to Mary Amanda Slater, who was born in Jefferson township, Grant county, Indiana, May 5, 1858, a daughter of William and Mary T. (Marks) Slater, natives respectively of Richhill county, Ohio, and Loudoun county, Virginia, the father born on the 12th of September, 1826, and died December 15, 1874, and the mother born November 25, 1824, died on the 16th of January, 1879. They were married in Guernsey county, Ohio, January 9, 1851, and of their six children, three sons and three daughters, four are now living: Uree Ann, the wife of Thomas F. Scott; Mary A., the wife of Mr. Carter; John William, who married Inez Horner; and George F., who married Cora Atkinson.

William Slater came to Indiana in April, 1853, and located in Jefferson township, Grant county, on the east bank of the Mississinewa river, where he had previously purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, and in time he added to this tract until he was the owner of four hundred and ninety acres, all in Jefferson township. His entire business career was devoted to agricultural pursuits, although when a young man he had learned the carpenter's trade. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and affiliated with the Republican party.

One daughter, Dora Ethel, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter. She graduated in the grammar school of district No. 4, Washington, township, when but twelve years of age, while later she completed the course in the Summitville high school of Madison county, doing four years' work in three, and for fifteen months thereafter she attended Hiron's Business College in Muncie, Indiana. She has since served as a stenographer for the Grant County Bank of Upland, and also teaches music on both the piano and organ. In his political affiliations Mr. Carter votes independent of party ties, and is an active factor in the work of the growth and upbuilding of his community. Mrs. Carter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE W. HUBER, M.D. The Gaston Milling Company is one of the leading industrial institutions of Delaware county, and its manager, Dr. George W. Huber, is therefore well known to its residents. He has been identified with this business throughout his entire business career, having operated the mill for his father from 1882 until the latter's death, and since that time he has conducted it for himself. Gaston also claims him among her native sons, his birth occurring in this city on the 7th of May, 1867, his parents being Frederick and Susan (Boyle) Huber.

Frederick Huber was born in Germany, eight miles from Stuttgart, in 1838, and his death occurred in Gaston in 1898. In Gaston he was married to Susan Boyle, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1840, and of their ten children, eight sons and two daughters, seven are now living—George W., James F., William E., Amanda C., Albert L., Frederick, Jr., and Frank. The two last named are twins. Mr. Huber, the father,

came to the United States with his parents when sixteen years of age, making the journey on a sailing vessel, and they were two and a half months on the ocean, and from New York harbor they made their way to Darke county, Ohio. Mr. Huber continued to reside with his parents until 1860, when he came to New Corner, Delaware county, Indiana, where he followed his trade of carriagemaking until his enlistment for the Civil war on the 1st of August, 1863. He was made a member of Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Volunteer Regiment, and was discharged on the 1st of March, 1864, having served his full term of enlistment. He participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Walker's Ford, Strawberry Plains, and was with his regiment in all of its battles and skirmishes with the exception of a short time which he spent in the hospital, his health having become impaired during his army service. Returning from the army, Mr. Huber engaged in the manufacture of wagons, to which in 1880 he added a saw and flour milling business, while later on he engaged in farming and stock-raising, merely superintending the business, for his health would not then permit of active labor. He was an active member of the United Brethren church, and in 1873 he furnished the money, with the exception of ninety-three dollars, with which to erect the United Brethren Church in Christ at Gaston. He was well and favorably known throughout Delaware county and also the state of Indiana, and was loved and honored for his many noble traits of character. In his early life he gave his political support to the Republican party, but later on became identified with the Democracy, although in local politics he voted for the man rather than for the party.

George W. Huber received an excellent educational training in his boyhood days, first attending the high school and then the normal of Muncie, while later he became a student in the American Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, in which he graduated with the class of 1894, and with the class of 1907 graduated from the Eclectic Medical College at Indianapolis, Indiana. On the 2d of March, 1890, he married Miss Corrina May Barrett, whose birth occurred on the 24th of January, 1870, and her death on the 9th of December, 1898. She was the daughter of Samuel and Lana (McIntire) Barrett, both of whom were born in Delaware county, Indiana. Mr. Barrett served with Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Volunteer Regiment, in the Civil war, and his chosen life occupation is farming. For his second wife Mr. Huber chose Miss Nannie Thompson, their wedding occurring December 25, 1900. She was born in Eaton, Ohio, October 5, 1874, the daughter of Frank and Sarah (Shepard) Thompson, the former of whom was a farmer, born in Ohio, and was a soldier in the army during the Civil war. His last days were spent in Delaware county. Two children were born to Mr. Huber by his first marriage, Alfred W. and Beatrice B. Mr. Huber is a member of the State Millers' Association. Since his boyhood days he has held membership relations with the United Brethren church, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

WALTER P. MITCHELL, M. D. Since 1899 Dr. Mitchell has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Gaston, and in addition to the large private practice which he has earned in this vicinity through his ability, his abiding sympathy and his earnest zeal, he is also the surgeon for the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville Railroad at this place.

The Doctor is a native son of Indiana, born in Henry county on the 2d of March, 1862, a son of Samuel and Margaret (Swope) Mitchell, the former a native of Madison county, this state, born October 14, 1835, and the latter of Henry county, Indiana, born March 6, 1842. They are now residents of Madison county. Their marriage was celebrated in Middletown of this state, and the only child born of this union was Dr. Walter P. Mitchell. The father has followed milling and agricultural pursuits, and in 1858 he and John Swope erected the Middletown mill, continuing as proprietors for a number of years, after which he turned his attention to farming. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company E, Eighth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, for three months, and in that time was made the lieutenant of his company. At the expiration of his first term of service he re-enlisted for three years or during the war. At the close of the conflict he returned to the milling business, but selling his interests therein he engaged in farming, and in 1878 retired from an active business life. He is a member of Middletown lodge of the Masonic order, and is identified with the Republican party.

Dr. Mitchell, the only child of this well known resident of Delaware county, was born in Middletown, Henry county, Indiana, March 2, 1862, and received his literary training in the Danville Normal College, of Danville, Indiana, while his medical training was begun in Rush Medical College of Chicago, in which he graduated with the class of 1886. In the same year of his graduation he located in Madison county for the practice of his profession, but later moved to Charlottesville, Indiana, and in 1888 pursued a post-graduate course in surgery in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1895 until 1899 he was engaged in general practice and railroad surgery in Wisconsin, and it was in the latter year that he located in Gaston, where he has ever since enjoyed a large and lucrative practice in both medicine and surgery.

On the 13th of April, 1889, Dr. Mitchell married Miss Carrie L. Smith, who was born in Hancock county, Indiana, July 16, 1867, the daughter of Timothy F. and Dorzina (Roland) Smith, natives respectively of Virginia and Hancock county, Indiana. The mother still resides in the county of her birth, having attained the age of seventy-two years. Of their eight children six are now living,—Joseph, Olive, Elizabeth, Carrie, Rose and Bertha. Mr. Smith was a prominent and well known agriculturist of Hancock county, where he owned many acres of land, and he was long numbered among the county's most influential men. His death occurred at the age of forty-four years. He was also a prominent member of the Odd Fellows' order, in which he held all the state offices. He

was a member of the Christian church, and gave his political support to the Democratic party. One little daughter, Halcyon Margaret, has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell. The Doctor is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

THOMAS L. DUNN was born in Washington township, Delaware county, February 4, 1864. His father, John Dunn, one of the honored early residents of Delaware county, was born in Monroe county, Ohio, August 25, 1829, and his death occurred in Washington township of this county March 20, 1903. He was the son of John and Catherine (Knight) Dunn, the former of whom was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, and the latter in Monroe county, Ohio. Mr. John Dunn, Sr., went to Monroe county when a young man, remaining there until his marriage, and following this event he engaged in farming, continuing that occupation in Ohio until 1832, the year of his arrival in Delaware county, Indiana. Arriving here, he secured one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 15, Washington township, afterward purchasing a tract of two hundred and forty acres, but he remained on the first purchase until his death, which occurred in 1865. His wife died in 1863, both passing away in the faith of the Baptist church. Mr. Dunn gave his political support to the Democracy until 1856, when he joined the Republican party.

His son, John Dunn, Jr., remained obedient to his parents' will until twenty-one years of age, and he then rented his father's farm until the latter's death, when he inherited eighty acres of the homestead and bought an adjoining eighty acres, living upon this land for about ten or twelve years. He then purchased one hundred acres in section 10, where he spent the remainder of his life, at one time owning four hundred acres of fine farming land. He erected one of the handsomest residences in the township and was numbered among the county's most prominent citizens.

Mr. Dunn married, September 3, 1854, Serepta Littler, who was born in Grant county, Indiana, February 24, 1834, a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Fry) Littler, the former of whom was born in Hardy county, West Virginia, in 1802, and the latter in the same county in 1805. In 1829 they journeyed to Grant county, Indiana, where they entered one hundred and twenty acres of land and afterward purchased one hundred and thirty-eight acres. Mrs. Littler died in 1869, but her husband survived until 1883, both dying in Iowa. They were members of the Methodist church, and were worthy and highly esteemed people. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were born the following children: Rosetta, the wife of John Dorton; Sylvester

liever in the principles of the Democratic party, giving to it his hearty support.

Thomas L. Dunn, a son of this honored pioneer couple, remained with his parents during the period of his boyhood and youth, assisting his father to clear the farm from its dense growth of timber, and they lived together until 1904 when the son removed to another part of the homestead. He carries on the general work of the farm and is also engaged quite extensively in stock-raising, handling a fine grade of Duroc hogs and other stock. His farm consists of eighty acres of fertile and well improved land.

On the 26th of February, 1896, Mr. Dunn married Miss Ella Linder, who was born in Grant county, Indiana, April 28, 1866, the daughter of James H. and Martha E. (Watson) Linder. The father, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, April 5, 1833, came to Indiana with his parents, Jacob and Elsie Linder, when but six years of age, the family home being established in Grant county, Indiana, where Mr. Linder helped his father to clear and improve his farm. The first home which he owned was a little log cabin, but later on this was superseded by the fine brick house in which he spent the remainder of his days, passing to his final reward on the 27th of January, 1903. He was the owner of about three hundred acres of land, all of which he had improved, and he also bought and sold cattle, hogs and sheep, becoming extensively identified with the stock-raising industry. During a number of years he served as a school director, was also a supervisor of his township, was a Whig politically, and was a member of the Methodist church. In 1859 Mr. Linder married Martha E. Watson, who was born in Grant county, Indiana, March 26, 1841, and is now living in Upland of that county. They had five children: Philena, the wife of Jacob Rogers, of Blackford county, Indiana; Lemon M., who married Ella Walters; Ella, the wife of Mr. Dunn; Norah; and Lettie, who married Eli Balenger. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, namely: Ralph L., Carlos M., Clifford, Delores M. and Mary L. The youngest child died in infancy. Mr. Dunn gives his political support to the Republican party.

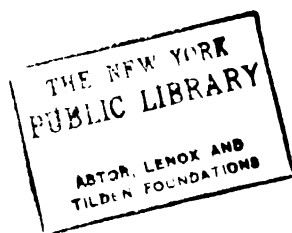
JAMES H. WILLS was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 31, 1834, the only child of Samuel and Mary (Wills) Wills, both of whom were also born in the Buckeye state. The father spent his life in that commonwealth and there died, and the mother afterward married in Grant county, Indiana, Henry Richards, by whom she had five sons, three now living: Benjamin, William and Thomas. Mrs. Richards died in Grant county when she had reached the age of forty-four years.

James H. Wills came with his widowed mother to Indiana when four years of age, spending their first two years in this state in Washington township, Delaware county, after which they removed to Grant county. In 1864 he removed to Marion county, Iowa, and purchased a farm, remain-

ing in that county until 1875, and from that year until 1881 he was a resident of Cass county, Iowa. Going thence to Audubon county of that state, he remained there until 1891, when he returned to Grant county, Indiana, and in 1894 came to Washington township, Delaware county. In 1905 he retired from the work of the farm and now rents his land, his well directed labors in the past years having won for him an honored retirement. Mr. Wills has membership relations with the Methodist Episcopal church and also with the Odd Fellows' fraternity, becoming a member of Atlantic Lodge No. 80, of Atlantic, Iowa, in 1880, and is a member of Wheeling Encampment No. 125, of Wheeling, but the meetings are held at Mathews. He has held all the offices in this encampment.

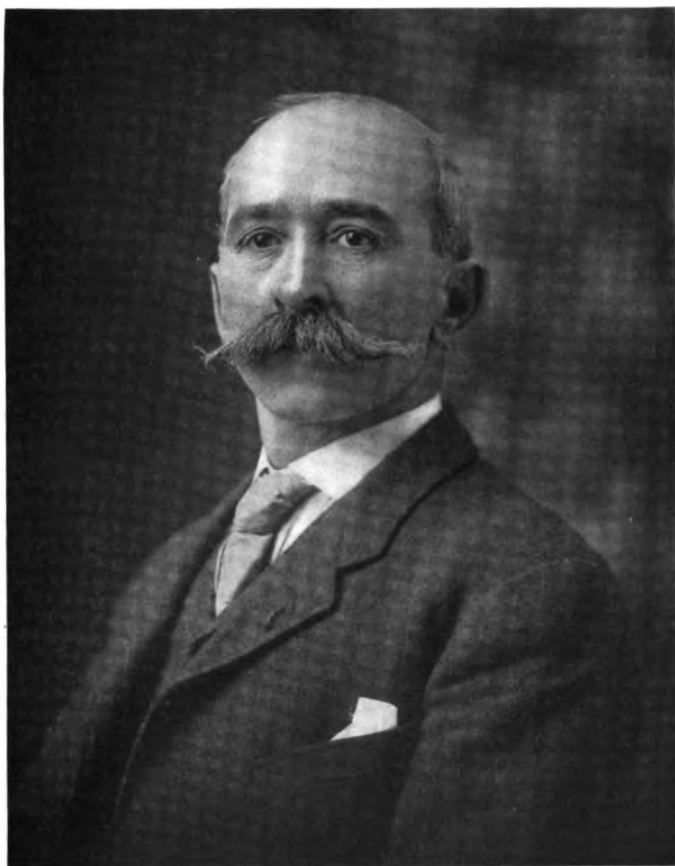
When he had reached the age of twenty-two years Mr. Wills married Sarah L. Sanders, their wedding having been celebrated on the 3d of June, 1856. She was born in Grant county, Indiana, November 24, 1838, a daughter of William and Rachel (Wharton) Sanders. The father, who was born in Virginia September 19, 1809, came to Indiana in 1820, thus becoming numbered among the commonwealth's earliest pioneers, and he established his home in the then wilderness of Grant county. His first residence was a little log cabin on the banks of the Mississinewa river, but later this log cabin home was replaced by a frame dwelling, and subsequently the modern and substantial frame residence which is yet standing was built. Mr. Sanders' farm consisted of one hundred and eighty acres, which he evolved from the wilderness to its present high state of cultivation. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was a Whig in his political affiliations. In Delaware county he married Rachel Wharton, who was born in Ohio April 2, 1812, and her death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Mr. Sanders passed away in death at the age of seventy-one years. In their family were five children, of whom three are now living: Nancy Jane, the widow of David Collins; Sarah L., who became the wife of Mr. Wills; and John. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wills three are now living, namely: John W., who married Alice Lacher; Mary A., the wife of M. P. Allen, of Mathews, Indiana; and Charles L., who married Bertha Hayworth, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wills also have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ISAAC NEWTON PARKISON was born within the borders of Washington township, where he has spent his subsequent life and is prominently identified with its farming and stock-raising interests, Delaware county, Indiana, September 27, 1857. His father, Samuel Parkison, was a native son of the Buckeye state, born in Somerset county, Ohio, August 28, 1841, and in 1853 he came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Parkison, to Indiana, the family home being established on the banks of White river, where the little lad grew to mature years. Remaining under the parental roof until his marriage, he then engaged in farming for himself, and at one time was the owner of two hundred and twenty acres, the most of which he cleared

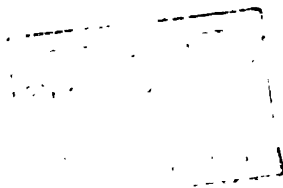




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himself. On the first forty acre tract which he bought was located his log cabin home, but later on he sold his farm of eighty acres to the Western Improvement Company for one hundred dollars an acre, and built the brick house in which he spent the remainder of his life, dying on the 28th of March, 1896. With his agricultural pursuits he was also extensively engaged in buying hogs, which he shipped to the Buffalo and Cincinnati markets. He was a good and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and affiliated with the Republican party. His fraternal relations were with the Odd Fellows order, affiliating with Yorktown Lodge No. 345, in which he filled all of the offices and acted as Noble Grand. He was also a member of the Encampment at Muncie. Mr. Parkison was married in Delaware county to one of its native daughters, Jane Neeley, whose birth occurred in Mount Pleasant township. She died at the age of forty-two years, in 1879. Five children were born of this union: Emma, who died at the age of thirty-one years; Isaac, the subject of this review; John, who married Melly Williamson; Oliver, who died in infancy; and Joseph, who married Melvina Humbert and is living in Yorktown.

As a farmer lad Isaac N. Parkison assisted in the work of the homestead farm, remaining at home until his twenty-fourth year, when he was married and engaged in farming for himself in Mount Pleasant township. In 1886 he removed to Washington township, but three years later returned to Yorktown, and it was in 1892 that he came again to Washington township and located on his present homestead farm in section 24, where he now operates one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and well-improved land, and on which in 1904 he erected a modern and commodious home. His church relations are with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and he is a member of Yorktown Lodge No. 345, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past noble grand. He is also a member of Muncie Camp No. 30, and Mrs. Parkison is a Rebekah.

Mr. Parkison married, September 7, 1882, Miss Amanda Beuoy, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, September 4, 1863, a daughter of George W. and Alzina (Thompson) Beuoy. Six children have been born to them: Jessie Pearl, who died at the age of seventeen years; Samuel B., Ella J., Sallie M., Ralph R., who died in infancy, and Earl Thompson. Samuel B. and Sallie M. have both received their diplomas in the common schools. He received his with the class of 1902 and Sallie with the class of 1905. Samuel also took one year's high school work, and Sallie is now in her second year in the high school at Gaston, Indiana.

JOHN W. DEWITT. Distinguished for the honorable record he won for his services on the battlefield during the Civil war, and for his life record as an upright, honorable and valued citizen, John W. DeWitt, of Gaston, fully deserves the esteem and respect so generously accorded him by his neighbors, friends and associates. A native of Delaware county, he was

born in Monroe township August 24, 1846, a son of Elisha DeWitt, and in this part of the state he has had his home during his entire life.

Born in Wayne county, Indiana, October 17, 1820, Elisha DeWitt has now the distinction of being one of the oldest residents of Monroe township. The son of a pioneer settler of this county, he has seen wonderful changes take place in the face of the country during his long life, watching with great pride its gradual evolution from a dense wilderness to a superb agricultural region whose well-cultivated and well-stocked farms give sure indications of its general prosperity. He married Mary Gibson, who spent her entire life in Indiana, dying at the age of seventy-nine years. They had a large family of children, fourteen in number, and of these eight are living, namely: Catherine, Cynthia, Rebecca, John W., Julia, Caroline, Patrick and Daniel W. He is a Republican in politics, having formerly been a Whig, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was class leader for many years. Socially he is one of the oldest members of Burlington Lodge, No. 485, A. F. & A. M.

Spending the days of his boyhood and youth at home, John W. DeWitt attended the district school during the winter seasons, and helped as much as he could to clear the land which his father-in-law, Harvey Heath, entered from the Government. On July 29, 1863, when but sixteen years old, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, at Muncie, and in March, 1864, his term of enlistment having expired, he was honorably discharged. In May, 1864, Mr. DeWitt again offered his services to his country, enlisting for one hundred days in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, he, with twenty of his comrades, receiving for this patriotic act a eulogy signed by President Lincoln. At the end of the one hundred days he was honorably discharged, and in February, 1865, he re-enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, from which he received his honorable discharge on the nineteenth anniversary of his birth. He was on the field at the Battle of Blue Springs, and at Walkers Ford was detailed from the line of battle to guard teams. Mr. DeWitt left home in 1863, a smooth-faced lad, with the thoughts and feelings of a boy, and came home a man, old not in years, but in experience, and in the years spent upon the battlefield and in camp he saw more of life in its sadness and glory than many men see in a life of three score and ten years. Since his return to civic life Mr. DeWitt has been extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Monroe and Harrison townships, carrying on general

Monroe township, this county, in 1904, at the venerable age of ninety years. Coming to Indiana at an early age, he worked by the month for William Y. Williams, one of the very early pioneers of Delaware county, toiling early and late in felling trees in the forests. Although wages were very modest in those days, he saved some money, and when desirous of taking up land walked to Indianapolis to the land office, and when he got there found that he had not money enough to pay the entry fee, lacking the full sum by seventy-five cents. He tried to pawn his hat for that amount, but found no one willing to take it. His employer, Mr. Williams, however, came to the rescue, lending him two dollars and fifty cents, enough to pay the fee and buy himself something to eat. Building a log cabin on the tract which he took up, Mr. Heath began the improvement of the property, and in course of time became one of the most prosperous and respected farmers of this locality, at one time being owner of three hundred and sixty acres of valuable farming land and several town lots. He was a Whig in politics and for nearly half a century was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Heath married, in Putnam county, Indiana, Arminta Finlay, who was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, and died in Delaware county, Indiana, in 1905, aged ninety-one years. Of the nine children born to them four survive, as follows: John T., Mary E. (Mr. DeWitt's wife), George F., and Lavina. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt have two children, namely: Elza A. married Addie B. Skinner, and Ora, wife of A. M. Kelley. Politically Mr. DeWitt is a staunch Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Bethel Lodge, No. 731, I. O. O. F., and both he and Mrs. DeWitt belong to Lincoln Lodge, No. 563, Daughters of Rebekah.

JOHN DORTON is one of the prominent business men of Washington township, and to his own energy and perseverance he owes the success which he has achieved thus far in life. He was born in Union county, Indiana, March 9, 1854, and traces his descent to the mother country of England. His grandfather, Ephraim Dorton, of English parentage, was a sea captain, and both he and his wife were natives of New Jersey. Their son, Henry Dorton, was born in Union county, Indiana, September 10, 1826, and died on the 4th of July, 1895. In 1857 he located in Jefferson township, Grant county, three miles north of Mathews, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his removal to Washington township, Delaware county, in 1883. Here he spent the remainder of his life and won for himself a place among the prominent farmers and business men of the township. He was well known as a breeder of good standard bred stock, principally Poland-China hogs and draft horses. He never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, but voted with the Republican party. During the Civil war he enlisted as a soldier in one of the Indiana volunteer regiments, but was never in battle, principally doing guard duty in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a man of the highest standing in the community. In Union county, Indiana,

November 28, 1849, Mr. Dorton married Phebe Rose, a native daughter of that county, born November 8, 1829, and she is now living in Mathews, at the corner of East Eighth street. Of the ten children born to them six are now living: Monroe, who married Samanthia Dunn and is living in Washington township; John, the subject of this review; Harrison, who married Mollie Coleman and makes his home in Blackford county, Indiana; Albert, who married Mattie Leerd and lives in Delaware county; Rachel, the wife of Albert Moorman, of Grant county, this state; and Katherine, who married Willard Secrest, of Mathews.

John Dorton was but a little lad of four years when he went with his parents to Grant county, there spending his boyhood days in assisting in the work of the farm and in attending school during the winter months. In company with his brother Monroe he engaged in the livery business at Dunkirk when twenty-one years of age, but after three years in that business he returned to the home farm and assisted in its cultivation during the following two years. At the close of this period he was married, and he then engaged in farming for himself in Washington township, Delaware county, while in 1904 he erected the fine modern home which now adorns the farm. He is operating two hundred and eighty acres of well improved land and he has made the larger part of his holdings by his own industry and unaided efforts. In addition to his farming interests he is also quite extensively engaged in the breeding of live stock, feeding about one hundred and fifty head of hogs each year, from thirty-five to forty head of cattle and from nine to ten horses. Mr. Dorton has ever taken an active interest in the public affairs of his community, voting with the Democratic party and he is a worthy and valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The marriage of Mr. Dorton was celebrated on the 3d of January, 1878, Rosetta Dunn becoming his wife. She is a native daughter of Washington township, born August 15, 1855, and a sketch of her parents, John and Serepta (Littler) Dunn, appears elsewhere. Ten children have been born to bless this union: Florence B., Carl J., Walter H., who married Lucy McKinney; Bertha M., Zora Pearl, Harry C., Thomas A., Jesse M., Chleo M. and Pauline I.

B. FRANK DULING is a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Indiana, and within its borders, in Fairmount township, Grant county, Indiana, he was born on the 11th of January, 1869, a son of William M. and Matilda J. (Wilson) Duling, and on the paternal side a grandson of Thomas and Nancy (Miskimens) Duling, both of whom were born in Ohio. In a very early day, however, they left the Buckeye state for Indiana, Mr. Duling

days of Indiana's history. He served as a trustee of Fairmount township and also served as one of its educators. He was a member of the Protestant Methodist church at Roanoke, Indiana; Zelme, who married Vesta Hickson, this brave Indiana pioneer occurred at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

William M. Duling spent his boyhood days in assisting his father to clear and improve his farm, and his first purchase of land consisted of fifty acres adjoining the homestead. This was heavily timbered, and he built him a two-room frame house, where seven of his children were born. After a time he bought a farm of one hundred and six acres in Jefferson township, Grant county, his present homestead. With his wife he at one time owned six hundred and thirty-three and a half acres, but they gave one hundred and sixty acres to their children, owning the remainder, and in addition to his agricultural pursuits Mr. Duling deals quite extensively in standard bred stock. He is a member of the Protestant Methodist church and affiliates with the Republican party. Mrs. Duling was born in Jefferson township, Grant county, Indiana, January 30, 1844, and in that county she was also married, September 3, 1861, the union resulting in the birth of eight children: Mollie, the wife of Oscar Lewis; John M., who married Lizzie Mann and is living in Fairmount township, Grant county; Flora L., the wife of Calvin M. Jones, of Jefferson township, Grant county; B. Frank, of this review; Nettie E., the wife of Rev. Charles Hobbs, a minister of the Methodist church at Roanoke, Indiana; Zelme, who married Vesta Hickson, and is also living in Jefferson township; Effie May, the wife of Frank Wright, of Washington, D. C.; and David G.

B. Frank Duling was reared as a farmer lad, working on the farm during the summer months and attending the district schools in the winters. When he had attained the age of twenty-four years he was married and engaged in farming for himself, first renting one of his father's farms, but on the 10th of December, 1900, he purchased forty acres of land and his father gave him another tract of forty acres, thus making him the possessor of eighty acres, which he yet owns. In June, 1906, he transferred his residence to Washington township, Delaware county, where he is now farming the old homestead of his father-in-law, John Dunn, Mrs. Duling having received eighty acres of this place as her inheritance. He breeds heavy draft Norman horses, also high grade cattle, hogs and sheep, at the present time having one hundred and seventy-seven head of Duroc and Poland-China hogs; also two hundred head or more of sheep.

By his marriage to Miss Almira Amanda Dunn, a daughter of John and Saerepta (Littler) Dunn, Mr. Duling has become the father of two children: Kenneth L. and Marjorie Dephyllis, born November 5, 1895, and June 22, 1899, respectively. Mr. Duling casts his ballot in favor of the Republican party.

JOHN A. HALL. Washington township numbers among its prominent farmers and stock raisers John A. Hall, who was born in Madison county,

Indiana, December 1, 1861. His father, Thomas B. Hall, was born in North Carolina, a son of John and Elizabeth (Parker) Hall. Mr. John Hall spent his life in North Carolina, engaged in blacksmithing and farming. At the age of twenty-two years his son Thomas came to Indiana and located at Alexandria, Madison county, where he secured employment in a chair factory, but later on worked at his trade of blacksmithing near Summitville, while still later he purchased fifteen acres of land. This tract he afterward sold and purchased another of forty-four acres, on which he built a log cabin home, and later added fifty-two acres to its boundaries. He subsequently traded the fifty-two acres for forty acres near his first purchase of forty-four acres, making him the owner of a farm of eighty-four acres. In 1880 he retired from the blacksmithing business and built him a new home, where he spent the remainder of his life and died in March, 1882, receiving the honors of an Odd Fellows burial. He was a member of the New Light Christian church, both he and his wife becoming members of that denomination soon after their marriage, and he was a Jackson Democrat politically. In Madison county, Indiana, Mr. Hall married Susan Hopis, a native daughter of that county, and they became the parents of four children: Mary E., who died in February, 1882, aged seventeen years; Ida B., the wife of John W. Montgomery, of Fairmount township, Grant county, Indiana; Sarah M., who died in March, 1882; and John A., the subject of this review. Mrs. Hall died in August, 1872, and for his second wife Mr. Hall married Elizabeth Haskins, who is now living in Madison county, Indiana. They became the parents of five children: Almira, the wife of William Fowler, of Grant county; Retta, the wife of William Harvey, also of Grant county; Amanda, the wife of James Price, of Wayne county, this state; Thomas, who is married; and Addie.

After completing his education in the common and high schools John A. Hall began the work of the farm, working for others after his father's death until his marriage, when he engaged in agricultural pursuits in section 22, Washington township. This farm has ever since remained as his homestead, and in 1887 he remodeled his residence, making it one of the modern and attractive ones of the community. In addition to his general farming he is quite extensively engaged in stock raising, breeding Shorthorn cattle, Poland-China and Chester White hogs, and Percheron draft and driving horses.

Mr. Hall married, September 5, 1885, Oral L. Sharp, a native daughter of Washington township, born September 5, 1858, her parents being

1857, and died on the 26th of August, 1883. One son was born of that union, Elmer, who died in infancy. Mr. Hall gives his political support to the Republican party, and has fraternal relations with the Red Men, Sioux Tribe No. 123. He is a prominent and worthy member of the Congregational church.

AMOS F. JANNEY was born in Stark county, Ohio, May 5, 1837, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Hayden) Janney. His paternal grandfather was a native son of Ohio and became one of the first settlers of Delaware county, Indiana, while later he removed to Harrison township of this county, but spent his remaining days in Washington township. His son Joseph was born in Stark county, Ohio, December 11, 1811, and from his native state he made the overland journey to Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, in October, 1837, and purchased from the government four hundred acres of timber land. His name is recorded among the earliest pioneers of this county, and he was prominently identified with much of its early and subsequent history. His political affiliations were with the Whig party, and religiously he was a member of the Christian church. His death occurred in 1876. Mrs. Janney bore the maiden name of Sarah Hayden, and was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1812. They became the parents of seven children, all of whom grew to years of maturity and six are now living: Mary S., the wife of Joseph Thorn; Jefferson, who married Christian Myers; Amos F., the subject of this review; Annie, the wife of James T. Broyles; Harriet, the wife of Isaac Gray; and William T., who married Elizabeth McCreery.

During his boyhood days Amos F. Janney assisted in the clearing of the homestead farm, attended the district schools during the winter months, and soon after his marriage he built him a log cabin and began agricultural pursuits for himself. He is now the owner of an estate of one hundred and sixty acres, and he has also given to each of his sons forty acres of land and to his daughters one thousand dollars in money.

On the 12th of March, 1857, Mr. Janney wedded Miss Barbara Jane Roberts, who was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, November 16, 1835, and her death occurred on the 10th of November, 1881. She was a daughter of Vincent and Dorcas (Roberts) Roberts, both of whom were born in Dearborn county, Indiana, and they spent their lives in Dearborn and Delaware counties. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Janney five are now living: Dorcas, the wife of Volney Reeves; Vincent R., who married Jane Woodring; John W., who married Anna Myers; Alice A., the wife of Nathan Brown; and Jacob, who married Della Dunlap. Mr. Janney subsequently wedded Mrs. Cynthia A. (Weir) Love, who was born on the 4th of March, 1848, the daughter of James B. and Eliza (Slater) Weir, both of whom were born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The father, born on the 4th of February, 1818, died December 24, 1874, in Delaware county, Indiana, and the mother died on the 4th of December, 1864, aged

forty-four years, one month and five days. They were married in 1839, and became the parents of seven children, three of whom, James, Cynthia and Watson, are now living. Mr. Weir came to Delaware county with his parents, Thomas and Mary (Bradshaw) Weir, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, the father January 8, 1789, and the mother August 31, 1793. In an early day in its history they established their home in Warren county, Ohio, from whence they removed to Dearborn county, Indiana, in 1828, and in 1837 they came to Delaware county and spent the remainder of their lives here, Mr. Weir dying on the 28th of August, 1863. As before stated, James B. Weir came with his parents to Delaware county, and soon after his marriage he erected the little log cabin which became later the birthplace of his daughter Cynthia. She was first married to Joseph Love, February 27, 1876, who died the same year of his marriage, aged twenty-seven years. Two sons and two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Janney, but the daughters, Effie E. and Lillian, both died in infancy. The sons are Emerson and Everet. Mr. Janney and wife are prominent and worthy members of the New Light church, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

LEWIS BOND. From an early period Lewis Bond has been prominently identified with the history of Washington township, Delaware county, but his birth occurred in Hancock county, Ohio, January 22, 1841, a son of William and Elizabeth (Husher) Bond, natives, respectively, of Maryland and Virginia, the father born on the 19th of December, 1786, and died January 16, 1853, and the mother, born September 19, 1801, died December 5, 1876. They were married in the Old Dominion state on the 16th of June, 1836, and became the parents of three children—Mary A, Selina and Lewis. The father had been previously married to Catherine Thomas, who was born in Virginia May 4, 1793, and died on the 31st of March, 1835. Of the twelve children born of that union the only one now living is Elizabeth.

Mr. Bond, the father, accompanied his parents on their removal to Virginia during his boyhood days, and there both of his marriages occurred. He followed the trades of blacksmithing, wagon-making and carpentering, being a fine natural mechanic. In 1836 he removed from his Old Dominion home to Hancock county, Ohio, becoming one of the county's first settlers. There he purchased and cleared one hundred and sixty acres of land, erected him a little log cabin home, and continued his residence in Hancock county during about eight years. At the close of that period, in 1844, he sold his

of Miami county and was an incumbent of the office of justice of the peace, taking a very active interest in the public affairs of his county, state and country. He voted with the Whig party and was well known throughout the community for his many noble traits of character.

Lewis Bond was but three years of age when the family removed with team and wagon from Hancock county, Ohio, his birthplace, to Miami county, Indiana. His father died when he was but a lad of twelve years, and from that early age he helped support his widowed mother, continuing on the homestead farm until twenty-five years of age. He then began to work for himself in Miami county, and on the 23d of May, 1883, he left his boyhood's home for Delaware county, where he secured employment on the farm of Jesse Nixon, in Union township. In the fall of 1883 he moved with his family into a small house of Mr. Nixon's, which continued as their home until the fall of 1885, when Mr. Bond came to Washington township and rented Mr. Nixon's farm in section 25 for ten years. During this time he had saved enough money to purchase one hundred and three acres of land, thirty-five acres of which was timber land, and in the little log cabin which stood upon this place he made his home until 1899, the year in which his present modern and commodious frame residence was built. The farm also contains many valuable and substantial outbuildings, the timber has all been cleared away, and the fields are fertile and under an excellent state of cultivation. At the present time he is farming one hundred and twenty acres of as fine land as lies in Washington township.

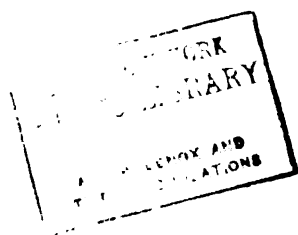
On the 15th of December, 1881, Mr. Bond married Miss Henrietta Wilson, who was born in West Virginia, February 4, 1850, and her death occurred on the 9th of December, 1906. She was the daughter of John M. and Charlotte (Dotson) Wilson, both also natives of the commonwealth of West Virginia, the father born in 1806, and the mother in July, 1813. His death occurred when he had reached the seventy-fourth milestone on the journey of life, in 1881, but the mother survived until the 31st of March, 1899. Of their twelve children, eight daughters and four sons, seven are now living: Angeline, Almira, Mary, Jasper N., Frances, Charlotte and John. Mr. Wilson, the father, spent his life as a farmer in West Virginia. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a Whig in his political affiliations. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bond, Larmer E. and Jesse C., both of whom are living with their father and assist in the work of the homestead farm. Mr. Bond casts his ballot in favor of the principles of the Republican party, and his religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church.

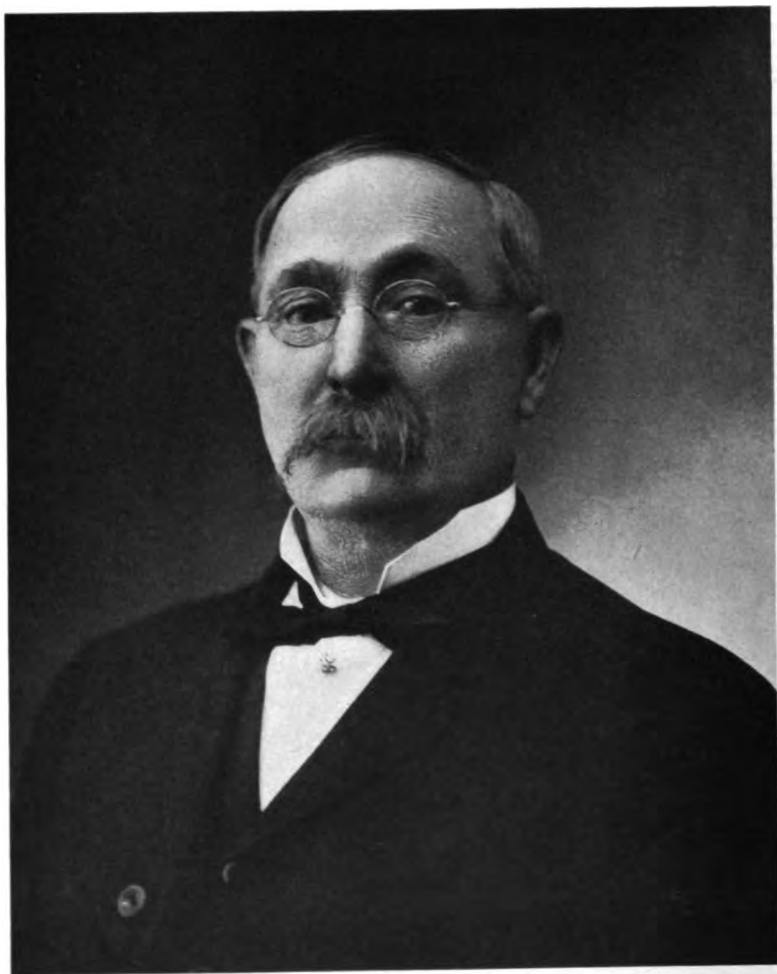
JOHN BURGESS, deceased, for many years a leading promoter of the

David Burgess came to Indiana, entering land in Washington township, Delaware county, where he was numbered among the leading citizens and honored pioneers. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, of whom five are now living,—Nancy M., the wife of David Vannetta; Rebecca, the wife of James McKinley; Martha J., the wife of William Clements; Joseph, who married Elizabeth Moore; and Ella, the wife of George Hedgeland. Mr. Burgess was a Jackson Democrat in his political affiliations, while his fraternal relations were with Gaston Lodge, I. O. O. F., and he was a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

John Burgess, a son of this Delaware county pioneer, was identified with its agricultural interests throughout his entire life, the early years of his life having been spent in assisting his father to clear and cultivate the homestead. When twenty-one years of age he engaged in that vocation for himself. During the period of the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-eighth Regiment, for three years or during the war, but he became afflicted with smallpox, which so affected his eyes that he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home. His father gave him forty acres of timber land, on which had been built a log cabin, but he rented the land and therefore never resided upon it. His first home, however, was a little log house, in which he lived until the erection of his frame dwelling in Harrison township, but afterward he returned to Washington township and spent his remaining days here. He gave his support to all measures which he believed to be of public benefit, and exercised his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party, which he represented in the office of road supervisor at one time. He was a member of the Grand Army Post at New Corner, and was prominent in the church work of the Methodist Protestant denomination.

The marriage of Mr. Burgess was celebrated on the 19th of March, 1867, Miss Lydia Ann Haines becoming his wife. She was born in Clinton county, Ohio, February 19, 1849, the daughter of Amos and Elizabeth N. (Hunt) Haines, natives respectively of Clinton county, Ohio, and Randolph county, Indiana, the father born on the 20th of April, 1823, and the mother on the 20th of February, 1829. They were married in Clinton county, December 23, 1846, and of their four children two are now living, Lydia Ann and Stacy E. The son married Bettie Miner. Mr. Haines became a resident of Indiana in 1854, establishing his home in the then wilderness of Harrison township, where he built him a hewed log house and spent his remaining days here, dying on the 13th of February, 1866. He was a famous hunter in the early days, when game of all kind was plentiful in Indiana, and to him belong the credit of building the first puncheon ditch from Long Pond. He owned at one time one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land. His political affiliations were with the Whig party, and he served at one time as the supervisor of roads. He was reared in the faith of the Quaker religion. Mrs. Haines died on the 27th of October, 1863. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Burgess seven are now living:

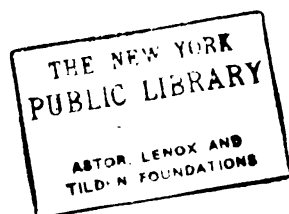


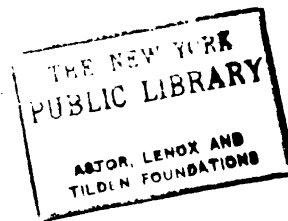


*William J. Eastes, M.D.*



*Mrs William J. Eastes.*







**Dr. and Mrs. William T. Eastes, family group.**

Elma E., the wife of Oliver Manson; Norah E., the wife of Frank Brown; Joseph E., who married Jessie Snider; Birdie, the wife of Edwin Vannatta; Samuel, who married Dessie Wright; Leona C., the wife of Herman E. Cary, and Blanch H. Mrs. Burgess has eleven grandchildren living. She has in her possession three of the old parchment deeds executed under the hand and seal of President Van Buren, bearing the date November 10, 1840. These deeds are valuable relics in her home.

WILLIAM T. EASTES, M. D. The medical profession plays one of the most conspicuous parts in the record of county, state or nation. As a class the twentieth century physician and surgeon is a gentleman of culture, refinement, philanthropy and character. The genial, sunny natured physician oftentimes accomplishes as much in the sick chamber as his remedies. The subject of this review, Dr. Eastes, of Gaston, Delaware county, Indiana, is a gentleman who stands high in the social as well as the professional circles of his home town. He was born at Mount Comfort, Hancock county, Indiana, August 11, 1844. He is a son of Holman and Ruth (Webb) Eastes.

Holman Eastes, the father, was born in Union county, Indiana, February 21, 1817, and passed to his reward February 27, 1880. Mrs. Eastes, his wife, was born in Rush county, Indiana, November 14, 1819, and died April 8, 1901. They were married in Rush county, December 22, 1836, and had eleven children, viz., Lemuel F., born June 3, 1838, and died aged fifty-seven years; Addison S., born December 5, 1839, and died September 21, 1858; Lucinda A., born September 11, 1841, and died January 28, 1904; William T., subject of this sketch; Sarah Jane, born February 12, 1847, and now living at Marion, Indiana; Jasper N., born December 20, 1848, and died August 4, 1849; Marshall T., born May 29, 1850, and now living in Kansas City Missouri; Albert O., born August 19, 1852, and died August 13, 1862; Meridith P., born August 22, 1854, now living at Huntington, Indiana; Jessie U., born August 25, 1856, now living at Marion, Indiana, and Jerome S., who was born August 24, 1861, and died March 11, 1863. The senior Mr. Eastes devoted his entire life to tilling the soil and removed from Union county to Hancock county, Indiana, when but a young man. Here he remained until 1856, when he removed to Madison county and in 1878 to Grant county, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a justice of the peace for eight years, which office he held at the time of his death. He was a life long member of the Methodist Episcopal church; belonged to Alexandria Lodge No. 235, of the Masonic order, and in politics was a Republican.

ship, near Cologn postoffice, this being in the spring of 1878, and in 1890 in Gaston, Indiana, later spending eight years in Muncie, Indiana, and returning subsequently to Gaston, where he has been continuously since.

On August 23, 1863, Dr. Eastes was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Zedekar, born in Summitville, Indiana, March 16, 1846, and the daughter of John M. and Catharine (Noland) Zedekar. The father was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1808, and died at the age of sixty-seven years; the mother was born in Ohio in 1812, and passed away at the age of eighty-four years. They had ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom five are living at the present time: Mary Jane, Sarah C. (wife of the subject), Philip A., James N. and William D. Mr. Zedekar was a carpenter by trade but devoted the latter part of his life to farming in Madison county, Indiana. He was a member of Alexandria Lodge No. 235, of the Masonic order, and in politics was a Republican.

Dr. and Mrs. Eastes are the parents of nine children and ten grandchildren, the following being the names of their children in order of birth: Ida V. wedded William L. Cory, who was one of the successful teachers in Indiana for twenty-five years. Arthur T., was educated at Danville Normal and was a teacher in Delaware county. He is assistant money order and stamp clerk in the Muncie postoffice and has held this position for twelve years. He is secretary of the Examining board of the Civil Service, a most efficient official, and the U. S. Department of the Civil Service gave him this praise,—that he was the only secretary in the United States who had invariably made immediate report of his examinations. He wedded Mrs. Nellie (Upton) Lane, a native of Wisconsin. They reside in Muncie, Indiana. Dora A. wedded A. C. Davis, who was also educated at the Danville Normal. He was an efficient teacher in Indiana for fifteen years. He is an architect in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Drusilla J. wedded Isaac N. Miller, who is one of the successful farmers and stockmen of Washington township. Carrie E., wedded Norman E. Lesley, who is one of the successful merchants of Gaston, Indiana, a dealer in grain, coal, hay, seeds, wool, etc. He received a good business education in the Winchester public schools. Bessie A. wedded George T. Thorpe, one of the leading attorneys at law of Muncie, Indiana. Hattie E. wedded Andrew Grogard, who is a telegrapher and for eighteen years in the employ of the Texas & Pacific railroad at Fort Worth, Texas. Apphia M. wedded O. A. Shaw, who is in the employ of the U. S. mail department at Muncie, Indiana. Lydia E. wedded Samuel Taylor, who is foreman in the large glass factory of the Ball Brothers at Muncie, Indiana. Of this family six of the daughters and the son, Arthur, as well as the father, Dr. Eastes, were teachers, having taught sixty or more terms of school.

Dr. Eastes is a member of the Universalist church at Muncie, and belongs to the New Corner Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and the Red Men Council at Matthews, Grant county, Indiana. He is independent in his politics. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES W. MCINTOSH was born at Marengo, Crawford county, Indiana, March 15, 1857, and is a son of George W. and Eliza (Wood) McIntosh, both natives of Crawford county, and now residents of Sheridan, Indiana. George McIntosh is a farmer and nurseryman and was a soldier in the war of the rebellion. The great-grandfather of our subject was an English soldier conscripted by his government to fight for the subjugation of the American colonies. He was captured by colonial troops, and coming to be better acquainted with the nature of the colonial struggle for freedom took the oath of allegiance to the United States and became an American citizen and a soldier. His birthplace was near Inverness, Scotland.

Our subject received his education at a private school at Marengo, Indiana, and was under the tutorship of Professor J. M. Johnson. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school at Grantsburg, Indiana, and for two terms followed that vocation in the public schools of Crawford county. In the autumn of 1877 he removed to Orange county, teaching school during the winter, and canvassing for his father's nursery in the summer months. For three years immediately following 1890 Mr. McIntosh taught in the city schools of Paoli, Indiana. Having had a more or less intimate acquaintance with the editors of local papers in Orange county, he decided to go to Gaston, in Delaware county, and found a country newspaper. The first number of this paper, the *Gaston Gazette*, was issued September 2, 1897. The paper had entered a new field and was successful from the first. It has been doubled in size and now ranks among the best country papers in the state.

Mr. McIntosh is a Republican in politics, and has been postmaster at Gaston since September 1, 1903. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since January 17, 1879, and of the Odd Fellows' Encampment since October, 1892, having represented both branches of the order in grand lodges. He has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1876, and has acted in the capacity of Sunday school superintendent for many years.

On May 20, 1877, Mr. McIntosh was united in marriage to Miss Alice J. Paterson, of Marengo, Indiana, the eldest daughter of Dr. J. J. Paterson. This union has been blessed by four children, three of whom died in infancy. The oldest child, Frederic B., is associated with his father in the publication of the *Gaston Gazette*.

SAMUEL E. MARKLE, engaged in the drug business in Gaston, comes from one of the sterling old pioneer families of Madison county, the name he bears being indissolubly connected with its early annals and subsequent prosperity. The ancestry is traced to Scotland, from whence John Markle, the great-grandfather of Samuel E., came to the United States before the Revolutionary war, and for seven years served as a soldier in Washington's army during that conflict, being twenty-one years of age when independence was declared. John D. Markle, a son of this Scotch highlander, was born

in the state of New York, from whence he removed to Darke county, Ohio, later to Wayne county, Indiana, and thence to Madison county, this being a very early day in the history of the county and the town of Markleville was named in his honor.

John D. Markle, Jr., a son of the above, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, near Milton, December 18, 1829, and he became a prominent and successful farmer of Madison county, this state, whither he removed on the 17th of January, 1868, and purchased eighty acres of land three miles east of Alexandria. The county was but a wilderness at the time he took up his abode within its borders, and his first home was a little log cabin, but gradually he transformed his farm into fertile and well cultivated fields and added to its acreage. His death occurred on the 5th of May, 1891, dying in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he had been long a member, and he was a Jackson Democrat in his political affiliations. Near Markleville Mr. Markle was united in marriage to Sarah J. Adams, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, February 13, 1835, and her death occurred June 21, 1888. Thirteen children were born to them, of whom the following nine are now living: Henry H., David J., Samuel E., Charles C., Thomas B., Daniel C., Noah M., Luie B. and James A.

During the early years of his life Samuel E. Markle assisted his father in the work of the home farm during the summer months, and in the winters attended the district schools until twenty-one years of age, after which he was employed at carpenter work for a time. His first knowledge of the drug business was obtained by studying pharmacy. He was associated with N. W. Edwards at Fairmount, Indiana, for a while. He then engaged at the carpenter's trade, at the same time keeping up his study of his chosen profession. He then entered the employ of Jesse S. Munsey at Gaston in 1898, with whom he was associated from the 1st of October until the 6th of February, following, the date of his employer's death. Mr. Markle then had charge of the business until the stock was purchased by Powers & Company, who retained his services until December 5, 1900, Mr. Markle then purchasing the business. He entered upon his proprietorship with but a small amount of money, but prosperity has attended his well directed efforts and the Markle drug store is now one of the leading establishments of its kind in Gaston. Mr. Markle is a practical pharmacist, having learned the details of the profession by actual practice.

The marriage of Mr. Markle was celebrated on the 21st of November, 1885, when Emma F. Painter became his wife. She was born in Madison county, Indiana, July 17, 1862, the daughter of William B. and Sarah J.

Ohio, February 5, 1835, and died October 16, 1891. Mrs. Markle and William M. were the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Painter. Four children, three now living, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Markle,—William E., S. Iva, Virgil T. and Anna F. Mr. Markle was made a Mason in Alexandria Lodge No. 235, from which he was transferred to Lake City Lodge No. 73, at Warsaw, Indiana, and in the spring of 1907 was demitted to Delaware Lodge No. 46, at Muncie. The Democracy receives his political support and coöperation.

WICKLIFF B. HOLSCRAW engaged in the livery business in Gaston, was born in New Castle, Henry county, Kentucky, January 12, 1853, a son of Joshua and Zerelda (Caplinger) Holsclaw. The father was born in Pennsylvania December 25, 1825, and learning the saddle maker's trade he followed that occupation in Oldham county, Kentucky, from whence he removed to Louisville, that state, in the early '60s. During the three or four years in which he was engaged in work at his trade in that city he made his home in Orange county, Indiana, from whence he later removed to his farm in Bedford, this state, but his last days were spent in Orleans township, Orange county, Indiana, passing to his final reward on the 20th of March, 1865. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist church, in which he served as a deacon for many years, and his political affiliations were with the Democratic party. Mrs. Holsclaw was born in Kentucky October 21, 1829, and died in Chicago on the 23d of November, 1901. Both she and her husband lie buried in Paoli, Orange county, Indiana. They were married in Ballardsville, Kentucky, in 1843, and of the eleven children born to them four are now living, namely: Wickliff B., the subject of this review; Thomas P., who married Elizabeth Muller; Eliza, the wife of Emil Bruzenwitz, of Chicago; and Laura A., the wife of J. G. Straub, living in Pennsylvania.

Wickliff B. Holsclaw was but a lad of fourteen years when his father died, and he thereafter worked out as a farm hand until the 3d of August, 1872, the date of his enlistment for services in the U. S. Regulars, becoming a member of Company I, Eighth Regiment of United States Infantry, entering the service for five years. He was mustered into the ranks under Colonel Dunham and went with his regiment to Fort Carman, Utah, where he remained for about two years, going thence to Fort Grant, Arizona, and was mustered out of service June 9, 1877, as corporal of his company. Mr. Holsclaw then re-enlisted in Company K, 1st Regiment Infantry, U. S. A., July 30, 1879, at St. Louis, Missouri, for five years, entering the ranks as a corporal. Going to Fort Mead, Dakota, he was there from September 1, 1880, until May 10, 1881, when he was ordered to Fort Davis, San Antonio, Texas, and two years later to Holbrook, Arizona, to quell the Indian troubles. He was promoted to provost sergeant of his regiment at Fort Whipple, February 7, 1883, serving as such for about two and a half years, when he received his discharge at Fort Whipple July 29, 1884. Returning thence to West Baden, he served as a police officer there for about one year, and

in 1889 embarked in the teaming and contracting business in that city, thus continuing until 1895. In that year he sold his business, and on the 18th of October of the same year bought the livery business in Gaston which he has ever since conducted with such good success. He is also extensively engaged in the buying and selling of horses, and was formerly a director in the Gaston Oil and Mineral Company.

Mr. Holsclaw married Miss Nellie J. Wilson September 29, 1887. She was born near West Baden in Orange county, Indiana, October 8, 1860, a daughter of Nuby and Elizabeth (Reel) Wilson, both also natives of this state, the father born near West Baden September 6, 1830, and the mother near Marengo, Crawford county, March 25, 1832. They were married in Orangeville township, Orange county, Indiana, in 1856, and became the parents of seven children, but only six are now living: John H., who married Belle Stackhouse and is living near West Baden; Nellie J., the wife of Mr. Holsclaw; Mary F., the wife of John T. Johnson, of Orange county; Albert, who married Emma McFarlin and also makes his home in Orange county, and Wilbert, twins, and the latter married Jennie Frazier and is living in Orange county; and Della, the wife of William Cook, of French Lick, Indiana.

Mr. Wilson, the father, is the son of John H. Wilson, who was born in North Carolina but came to Indiana in a very early day in its history and became a pioneer resident of Orange county, where he bought his land from the Indians. Mr. Nuby Wilson erected for his first home a log cabin, in which all of his children were born, and he transformed his farm from its primitive state of a wilderness to its present high degree of cultivation, and here he is spending the declining years of his life. He enlisted in Company C, Ninth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers for three years or during the war, and served his full term of enlistment. He now holds pleasant relations with his old army comrades by his membership in Decker Post, G. A. R., at West Baden. He was reared as a Quaker, but is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party. Mrs. Wilson died on the 5th of July, 1907.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Holsclaw, Fred H., Maud E., Lucy C. (who died in infancy), Elmer C., Emmett P. and Hollis M. Mr. Holsclaw is a member of Paoli Lodge, K. of P., and his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

JOHN W. FOSTER was born in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, January 22, 1862, and is of German descent. His father, Henry W. Foster, was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, April 10, 1832, and is now living a retired life in Fairmount, Indiana. In 1852, when twenty years of age, he came with his parents, Thomas and Margaret Foster, to Washington township, Delaware county, where he secured fifty acres of wild and unimproved land in section 12, but in time he cleared the land of its dense growth of timber and erected a hewed log house, which later was super-

sed by the frame dwelling in which he resided until the spring of 1907. He at one time was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, but gave ninety acres of this to his children, leaving him the possessor of seventy acres at the present time. He built him a home in Fairmount in the spring of 1907, and there he is now living retired from the active cares of a business life, enjoying the rest which former years of earnest labor has brought. At her father's home in Washington township Mr. Foster was married to Mary Ann Hazelbaker, who was born in this township on the 17th of June, 1842, and her death occurred on the 16th of November, 1896, after becoming the mother of twelve children, ten now living: John W., of this review; Harriet L., the wife of James M. Lewis; William H., who married Emma Bennett; Clarencey, the wife of H. Mack Hazelbaker; Nancy E., the wife of David Paine; Lenora, the wife of Charles Jones; Fred A., who married Estia Cole; Jesse O., who married Nellie Sells; Eva, the wife of Joseph Zeller; and Mary. Mr. Foster married for his second wife, Mrs. Sarah J. Ice, nee Lewis. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and has since remained a staunch supporter of Republican principles, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout Washington township, where his name is enrolled among the early and honored pioneers.

The boyhood days of John W. Foster were spent in assisting his father to clear and improve his farm, and soon after his marriage he engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself. In 1888 he removed to Middletown, Ohio, residing there until 1896, when he returned to Washington township, and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1896 his fine modern home was erected, and in 1903 the homestead was further improved by the erection of a commodious barn, his farm being one of the attractive places of the township, surrounded as it is by many shade and fruit trees.

On the 14th of October, 1886, Mr. Foster married Sarah H. Corcoran, who was born in Blueball, Warren county, Ohio, June 17, 1861, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (McCune) Corcoran, both of whom were born in County Mayo, Ireland, the father born in 1824 and the mother in 1836. They were married in Middletown, Ohio, and became the parents of nine children, the three now living being: Sarah H., the wife of Mr. Foster; Margaret, the wife of John Sibold, of Middletown, Ohio; and James, also a resident of that city.

Mr. Corcoran lost his father by death when he was a lad of twelve years, and one and a half years later he was made an orphan by the death of his mother. Being the eldest of their six children, the support of the family fell upon his young shoulders. He left Ireland when twenty years of age with his youngest brother, starting on the voyage to this country on a sailing vessel, but the brother died en route and was buried at sea. Alone, a stranger in a strange land, Mr. Corcoran landed at New Orleans after a voyage of seven weeks, and after spending a short time in that city he came up the river to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he secured employment as a pork

packer. Later on he removed to Middletown, where his marriage occurred, and there he also worked at pork packing. In that city he spent the remaining years of life, dying on the 6th of August, 1906, while in the employ of the Sorg Manufacturing Company. He deserved much credit for the success which he achieved in life, and not only did he care for himself and family and rise to a position of affluence, but he also cared for his brothers and sisters and sent them all money with which to come to the United States. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church, and affiliated with the Democratic party. Mrs. Corcoran came to this country with her parents when but six years of age, and her death occurred in the year 1892.

Mr. Foster has fraternal relations with the Masonic order, affiliating with Mathews Lodge, and he is a staunch Republican in his political views.

HENRY SWEANY. Numbered among the progressive and prominent agriculturists of Washington township, Delaware county, Henry Sweany was born within the borders of the township February 6, 1842, a son of Samuel and Nancy (Hazelbaker) Sweany, natives of Ohio. In their native commonwealth they were also married, and their union was blessed with nine children, four of whom are now living: Henry, of this review; Daniel living at Summitville, Indiana; John W., who makes his home in Mathews; and Sarah, the wife of George Acker, of Marion, Indiana. Mr. Sweany, the father, came overland with team and wagon to Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, in 1839, where he entered eighty acres of land in the dense wilderness. With the aid of his sons he succeeded in clearing his land and placing it under an excellent state of cultivation, and there he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. During his early life he was a Jackson Democrat in his political affiliations, but afterward voted with the Republicans. He was loved and honored by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, for he was one of the grand old pioneers who assisted in paving the way for civilization in Delaware county.

Henry Sweany was born in the little log house which first sheltered the family on their arrival in Washington township, and during his boyhood days he assisted his father in clearing the homestead farm, his educational training having been received in the neighboring district schools, which he attended during the winter months. After his marriage he began farming for himself, and he is the owner of a fertile and well improved farm in section 19, where he is extensively engaged in general agricultural pursuits and the breeding of a good grade of stock.

Hendricks; Charles, who died when just past twenty-one years of age; Arlie Otto, who married Bertha Grimes; Thomas E., who married Ethel Glass; Belle, who died after attaining to mature years; and Bessie, who died in infancy. On the 28th of September, 1903, Mr. Sweany married Sarah Jones, who was born in Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, January 24, 1852, a daughter of David W. and Vesta (McLanahan) Jones.

David W. Jones was born in Fayette county, Indiana, March 6, 1824, and died on the 25th of May, 1893, aged sixty-nine years, two months and nineteen days. He was a son of James M. and Mary Jones, the former of whom was born on the 1st of May, 1779, and died December 10, 1845, and the latter, born March 10, 1783, died December 31, 1873. They came from the Carolinas to Franklin county, Indiana, in March, 1809, and in 1811 they removed to Fayette county, the birthplace of their son David. On the 6th of February, 1831, they arrived in Delaware county, where they lived on a farm during the remainder of their lives. David W., the youngest of their nine children, came with his parents to Delaware county in 1831, and on the 4th of January, 1846, he married Jane Kepper, who died April 15, 1848. On the 21st of April, 1851, he married Vesta McLanahan, who was born in Randolph county, Indiana, August 20, 1826, and died June 20, 1900. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom four are now living: Sarah, the wife of Mr. Sweany; Nettie, the wife of William Rozelle; John N., who married Louisa Fleming, now deceased; and Willis E., who married Ellen Duff. Mr. Sweany is a member of the Christian church, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

JOHN M. HARRIS, one of the most prominent farmers and stock raisers of Washington township, was born in Madison county, Indiana, on Fall creek, January 1, 1838, a son of Samuel and Nancy E. (Copeland) Harris, both of whom had their nativity in the southland of North Carolina. They were married in their native commonwealth, from whence with their two oldest daughters they journeyed in a two-wheel cart to Indiana, where the husband and father entered three eighty-acre tracts of land from the government in Fort Wayne, he having had to blaze his way to that city so he could find his way back to Madison county, where he had established his home. The first home which he erected was a little cabin of round poles, but later on he built him a hewed log house, which continued as his home during the remainder of his life, dying in Van Buren township at the age of thirty-five years. His wife survived him many years and died in that township at the age of seventy-two years. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris four are now living: John M., the subject of this review; George W., Delila and Martha. Mr. Harris was a Jefferson Democrat in his political affiliation.

John M. Harris in early life became inured to the arduous labor of clearing and improving a new farm, he having assisted his father in the work of the old homestead from an early age, attending school only about

three months during the winter seasons. His father died when he was a little lad of nine years, and thereafter he helped to take care of his widowed mother and the other children. Soon after his marriage he took up his abode in Washington township, Delaware county, purchasing one hundred acres of wild and unimproved land in section 24, where he first erected a hewed log house, this continuing as the family home until the erection of their present dwelling in 1872. He has cleared all of his land with the exception of forty acres, and in addition to his general agricultural pursuits he is one of the largest stock raisers of Washington township, breeding Black Poland cattle, which he feeds and ships to Buffalo, New York, first purchasing in Chicago. At the present time he has a carload of fine cattle ready for market. He is also extensively engaged in the raising and shipping of hogs, marketing from forty to fifty carloads each year. In 1902 the Chicago Gas Company built on Mr. Harris' farm one of the largest pumping stations in the entire state of Indiana.

On the 1st of January, 1860, Mr. Harris was married to Margaret E. Broyles, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, October 25, 1841, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ann (Lyon) Broyles. Thomas Broyles, deceased, was born May 6, 1817, in Virginia, and when a young man came to Rush county, Indiana, and engaged in teaming, hauling goods from Cincinnati to Richmond. After his marriage he gave up that occupation and went to work on his uncle's farm by the month, thus continuing for two years, when he came to Delaware county. This was in 1830, and he located near his parents' farm in Washington township, entering forty acres of wild and unimproved land. He was obliged to borrow fifty dollars with which to begin life here, but by hard work and good management he made a success of life, owning at the time of his death four hundred acres of land. He was married on the 22d of February, 1838, to Sarah Ann Lyon, who was born February 10, 1817, in Bourbon county, Kentucky, the daughter of John L. and Margaret (Sharp) Lyon, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They came to Rush county, Indiana, in an early day and entered eighty acres of land, and Mr. Lyon, who was a carpenter, worked at his trade in connection with farming. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Broyles voted the Democratic ticket up to the beginning of the war, when he joined the Republican party and remained loyal to its principles until his death, which occurred a number of years ago, and Mrs. Broyles is also deceased. They were the parents of three children: Margaret E., the wife of Mr. Harris; Joseph W., who is also married; and John L., deceased.

Twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of whom eight are now living: Emma, the wife of J. W. Richards; John L., who married Nettie Janney; Martha, the wife of Calvin Bookout; Belle, the wife of Herber Thomas; Omer O., who married Iva Keefer; Murley, who married Edith Marine; Otto O., who married

Stella Sheilds; and J. Clarence, who married Irena Spence. Mr. Harris is a stanch Republican in his political affiliations, and has served as a supervisor of roads.

ASA B. SANDERS was born in Henry county, Indiana, near New Castle, December 28, 1860, a son of Arthur and Elvira (Bogue) Sanders. The father, who was born in North Carolina in August, 1825, was brought by his parents to Indiana May 7, 1827, fifty-two days having been spent on the road, and the family located in Henry county, three and a half miles northwest of New Castle, where the little son spent his boyhood days. Attaining to young manhood he became owner of a part of his father's farm, he having previously assisted in clearing the old homestead, and in 1873 he purchased a farm near Springport. After living there for a number of years he sold his possessions and returned to a farm near the old homestead, which he purchased, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying August 4, 1885, when past the sixtieth milestone of life. He devoted his entire business career to general agricultural pursuits, and was a Republican in his political affiliations. Near New Castle, in Henry county, Indiana, Mr. Sanders married Elvira Bogue, who was a native daughter of the Hoosier state, born in 1836, and her death occurred in 1895, at the age of sixty-one years. Six children were born to this couple: Ella, wife of Dr. Brown; Matilda, the wife of Thomas Jefferson; Mary A., the wife of Charles Cowgill; Asa B., the subject of this review; Margaret, the widow of Holcom Wright; and Nancy, the wife of William Cowgill.

Asa B. Sanders was reared as a farmer lad, and soon after his marriage he engaged in farming for himself in Madison county, but in the spring of 1902 he removed from there to Washington township, Delaware county. After three years spent in agricultural pursuits here he returned to Madison county, and two years later came again to Washington township, purchasing the farm where he now lives. At the present time he is remodeling his home, making it one of the attractive places of the township.

The marriage of Mr. Sanders was celebrated on the 11th of January, 1890, Miss Mary E. Johnson becoming his wife. She was born near Summitville, Madison county, Indiana, June 24, 1871, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Allen) Johnson, both of whom were also born in Indiana, the father in Randolph county, on the 16th of June, 1841, and the mother in Hancock county, August 9, 1845. They were married in Hancock county in 1861, and became the parents of ten children: Manson U.; Minerva, the widow of William Beeson; Jesse A., who married Laura Plackard; Daniel M.; Mary E., the wife of Mr. Sanders; Lewis W., who married Laura Cory, now deceased; Etta, the wife of Ezra Webster; Amanda, the wife of Otis Cramner; John C. and Della M.

Mr. Johnson, the father, was reared to years of maturity in his native county of Randolph, also following agricultural pursuits there eight years after his marriage. He then took up his abode near Summitville, in Madison

county, Indiana, where he is numbered among the leading farmers of the community, as well as one of the largest stock raisers, he having shipped large quantities of stock to the Buffalo and New York markets. He upholds the principles of the Republican party, although as a Democratic representative served in the office of township trustee for two terms. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanders: Hallett A. and Hazel Pearl. Mr. Sanders casts his ballot with the Republican party, and has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 475, of Summitville, and also with the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall Lodge, No. 361, of Summitville. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Sanders holds the office of trustee.

DANIEL RICHARDS was born in Grant county, Indiana, February 18, 1839, a son of John and Effie (Roberts) Richards, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Ohio, the father born in 1806, and died in March, 1863, in Grant county, Indiana, while the mother passed away in death in 1848. They were married in Ohio, but in a very early day in its history took up their abode in Grant county, Indiana, where Mr. Richards entered government land and became a prominent factor in the early history of that community. The little log cabin in which the family first resided in time gave place to the frame residence in which he spent the remainder of his life. He erected two saw mills in that county and also had the distinction of purchasing the first McCormick reaper in Grant county. He was a worthy and consistent Christian gentleman, a member of the old-school Baptist church, and he served as a minister in that denomination for many years, also donating the ground on which the church was built. He was a Jackson Democrat politically. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards seven are now living: Henry, a resident of Oklahoma; L. G., who is living on the line separating Grant and Delaware counties; Abraham, Daniel, Jacob, Martha and Isaac.

The early years of Daniel Richard's life were spent on the homestead farm and in his father's saw mills, and when he had attained the age of twenty-three years he began farming for himself on eighty acres of land. His farm was then a wilderness, but in time he placed it under a fine state of cultivation, and the frame house which he first erected gave place in 1864 to his present dwelling. He carries on the general work of the farm and also raises a good grade of stock.

On the 1st of August, 1863, Mr. Richards was united in marriage to Catherine E. Millspaugh, who was born on the 13th of September, 1844, and died on the 25th of November, 1878. She was the daughter of Gilbert C. and Lucy (Williams) Millspaugh, the former of whom was a minister

he has four children; Addie, the wife of Simon Leach; and Clement E., who married Lillie Norton, and they have seven children.

On the 19th of November, 1879, Mr. Roberts married Susannah McCormick, who was born in Washington township, one mile west of Wheeling, September 19, 1838, the daughter of William and Susannah (Woolverton) McCormick, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born on the 27th of September, 1793, and the latter on the 22d of January, 1795, but both died in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, the father October 14, 1868, and the mother December 27, 1871. They came to Delaware county in 1833 and theirs were the only deaths on that farm. They were married in Preble county, Ohio, April 10, 1817, and to them were born ten children, all of whom are now deceased, with the exception of Mrs. Richards, who was the youngest of the family. Mr. McCormick was taken to Ohio by his parents, John and Katherine McCormick, when but two years of age, attaining to years of maturity in that state, and there five of his children were also born. In February, 1832, he removed to Fayette county, Indiana, and on the 22d of March, 1833, to Delaware county, purchasing a farm of David Conner, one mile west of Wheeling, while later on he entered government land, becoming in time the owner of six hundred acres. There was a log house on the land he purchased from Mr. Conner, which contained port holes from which to shoot at the Indians. Later Mr. McCormick erected a house of hewed logs, and in the early '40s built the frame residence in which he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He served as a judge of the county court for many years, the court house in those days having been built of logs, and for a long period he was also a minister in the old-school Baptist church, he having united with that church during his boyhood days. He was one of the most prominent factors of the early life of Delaware county, and was a Jackson Democrat in his political affiliations.

For over thirty years Mr. Richards has been a prominent and worthy member of the old-school Baptist church, and he is an earnest Christian man, his path having been marked by good deeds, by honest purpose and worthy motives. His wife is a member of the same church. His political support is given to the Democratic party.

JOHN R. TUTTLE, M. D. Dr. Tuttle is one of the best known physicians of Wheeling and vicinity. He was well prepared to enter the ranks of this profession by a thorough training, which was received first in the Muncie Academy, graduating therein with the class of 1874, and with the class of 1879 he graduated in the Methodist Episcopal College at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He then pursued a course in German in the German Concordia College, after which, in 1880, he matriculated in the Medical College of Indiana, at Indianapolis. In the following year he entered upon a special course of study with Dr. Gobrecht, while in 1883 he attended the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. During the intervening period from 1890

to 1894 Dr. Tuttle attended the Medical department of the Chicago University. He was thus ably prepared to become an active practitioner in the profession which he had chosen as his life work, and on the 2d of July, 1883, he took up his abode in Wheeling, where he has ever since remained in practice with the exception of six months spent in Davenport, Iowa, and a similar period spent in Terre Haute, Indiana. He is a member of the District and County Medical Associations.

Dr. Tuttle was born in Monroe township, Delaware county, Indiana, April 5, 1860, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth J. (Rose) Tuttle. The father, who was born in Ohio in 1829, was a farmer and local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, and his death occurred in 1900, when he had reached the age of seventy-one years. His political affiliations were with the Republican party. The mother was born in North Carolina in 1835, and is now living, aged seventy-two years. Ten children were born to this couple, four sons and six daughters—Emma, Louisa, John R., Charles M., Drusilla, Belle, William W., Effie, Clay H. and Elizabeth.

On the 20th of November, 1901, Dr. Tuttle married Zina Beuoy, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, January 12, 1864, a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Milhollin) Beuoy. The father died on the 10th of June, 1905, and for a further history of his life see the sketch of Edward Beuoy. Dr. Tuttle is a member of Wheeling Lodge No. 325, I. O. O. F., and also of the Wheeling Encampment at Mathews. His fraternal relations also connect him with the Sioux Tribe of Red Men, Lodge No. 125, at Gaston. His political affiliations are with the Republican party.

Dr. Tuttle is not only a successful physician and surgeon, but he is an original man in the way of ingenuity. His beautiful modern residence was planned by himself. It is beautifully finished in an up-to-date manner, and the interior decorations would do justice to a city home. The Doctor has a well selected library of choice literature, and every nook and corner of the pretty home betokens taste by him and his estimable wife. His grounds are laid out with flower beds and fountains, and he has his own private water works, as well as modern lighting. His barn or carriage house is a model of greatness and convenience, and it demonstrates that the genial Doctor is a busy man even when he is not pursuing his profession. His home is a haven for entertainment for his and his wife's guests, and all find a cordial welcome. His home is a credit to Wheeling as well as the township of Washington.

HENRY HARRISON WILLIAMS. Numbered among the agriculturists of Washington township, Delaware county, is Henry H. Williams, whose birth

Ohio, and became the parents of twelve children, of whom the five now living are: Margaret, Catherine, who married Robert L. Egnew and is living in Washington township; Henry Harrison; Martha Ann, who married Samuel Rensch, and makes his home in Washington township, as does also David, who married Jane Campbell. Mr. Williams, the father, was a farmer in Ohio, and from that state in 1840 he journeyed with team and wagon to Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, purchasing eighty acres of land in section 25. The country was then a wilderness, game of all kinds, including deer, wolf, bear and wild turkey, being plentiful, and with the other brave pioneers of Delaware county he reclaimed this vast wilderness for purposes of civilization. His first home was a little log cabin, and later on he added forty acres of timber land to his first purchase, but this he lost on account of illness in 1845. He was a member of the Old School Baptist church, and was a Whig in his political affiliations.

When but a babe of six months Henry Harrison Williams was brought to Delaware county by his parents, so that nearly his entire life has been spent within its borders and he has been prominently identified with the early and subsequent history of Washington township. When he had reached the age of twenty-nine years he began farming for himself on forty acres of timber land, first erecting the little log cabin which yet stands near his present home, which was built in 1893, and is one of the pleasant and commodious residences of the township. He is now farming sixty acres of land. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and has since supported the Republican party, serving for two years as its representative in the office of road supervisor.

On the 21st of September, 1869, Mr. Williams married Jane Russell, who was born March 27, 1846, and died on the 9th of November, 1883. She was a daughter of one of the early pioneers of Delaware county, Joel Russell, who cleared and farmed one hundred and seventy acres of land and spent the remainder of his life here. He was a Jackson Democrat. For his second wife Mr. Williams married Miss Lucinda Nixon April 24, 1890. She was born in Washington township October 20, 1846, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Iseley) Nixon. The mother was born in Preble county, Ohio, and died February 21, 1885, aged fifty-six years, while her husband was fifty-nine years of age when called to the home beyond. They were married in Mount Pleasant township, Delaware county, and became the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are now living, namely: Lucinda, the wife of Mr. Williams; Lewis, who married Catherine Worls and is living in Muncie; Jennie, the wife of George K. Lewis, of Washington township; Martha, who married Thomas Batt, of Gaston; Emily, who married John Cristy; Alice; George, who married Emma Jones and is living in Marion, Indiana; and Bertha, who married Henry McCreery. Mr. Nixon, the father, was another early and honored Delaware county pioneer, where he owned one hundred and thirty acres of land which he had cleared from its dense growth of timber, and the remainder of his life was spent in the

log house upon this land. He was a member of Wheeling Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and affiliated with the Republican party. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams only two are now living: Francis and Louisa. The daughter married Henry Broyles, and they have three children. Francis A. wedded Miss Ella June Parkison, a member of one of the prominent families, and he resides in Washington township.

JOHN W. WILLS. A well-known and respected citizen and a practical and enterprising agriculturist of Washington township, John W. Wills is engaged in farming and stock raising to a considerable extent, and is contributing his full share towards developing and advancing the industrial interests of the community in which he resides. Energetic and observing, he never allows anything to escape his attention that might improve his methods of carrying on his work or increase the value of his land as a crop producer. He was born March 7, 1857, in Grant county, Indiana, a son of James H. Wills.

Beginning the battle of life for himself at the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Wills worked by the month for his father on the farm, the following year farming in company with his father. The next two years he farmed for himself on rented land, but desiring a change, then sold off all of his stock, machinery, etc., and went westward to Colorado, where he spent one summer. Returning as far east as Iowa, he again began working for wages, after which he carried on farming with his father for a while in Audubon county, Iowa. Marrying then, Mr. Wills farmed for himself for about four years, and then bought a home in Audubon, Iowa, where he resided a year. Coming to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1893, he bought his present farm in Washington township, and has carried on general farming in a most remunerative manner. He has one hundred and fifty-eight and one-half acres of land, which, under his intelligent care, has been highly cultivated and improved. In 1905 Mr. Wills built a fine residence for himself and family, and his other buildings are convenient and kept in excellent repair, everything about the place bespeaking in no uncertain terms the thrift and good judgment of the proprietor.

On March 17, 1887, Mr. Wills married Alice A. Lacher, who was born in Marengo, Iowa, February 17, 1862, a daughter of John A. Lacher. Mr. Lacher was born in 1823, in Baden, Germany, and there lived until after his marriage, in 1851, to Eva C. Castner, also a native of Baden. Soon after his marriage, accompanied by his bride, he left the Fatherland and came across the ocean to the United States in a sailing vessel, being thirty-three days on the water. Landing in New York city, he remained there four

back, carrying his stock home on his back. Subsequently investing his money in land, he bought one hundred and sixty acres and into the three-room frame house which he erected moved with his family. He succeeded well in farming, and after a while built him a fine frame house, one of the best in the neighborhood, and there carried on general farming for several seasons. Returning after a time to Marengo he was there engaged in mercantile pursuits for five years, when, his health failing, he returned to his farm, and there spent his remaining years, dying in 1894. He was a man of honest integrity, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the German Lutheran church. His wife, now a woman of eighty-two years, is still enjoying life, being bright and active physically and mentally. She bore him ten children, of whom seven are living, as follows: Charles, John, Sophia, Lucy, Mrs. Alice A. Wills, Henry and Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Wills have had six children, namely: Harry H., who died in infancy; Bessie M., S. Eva, L. Gladys, L. Ernest and C. Dewey.

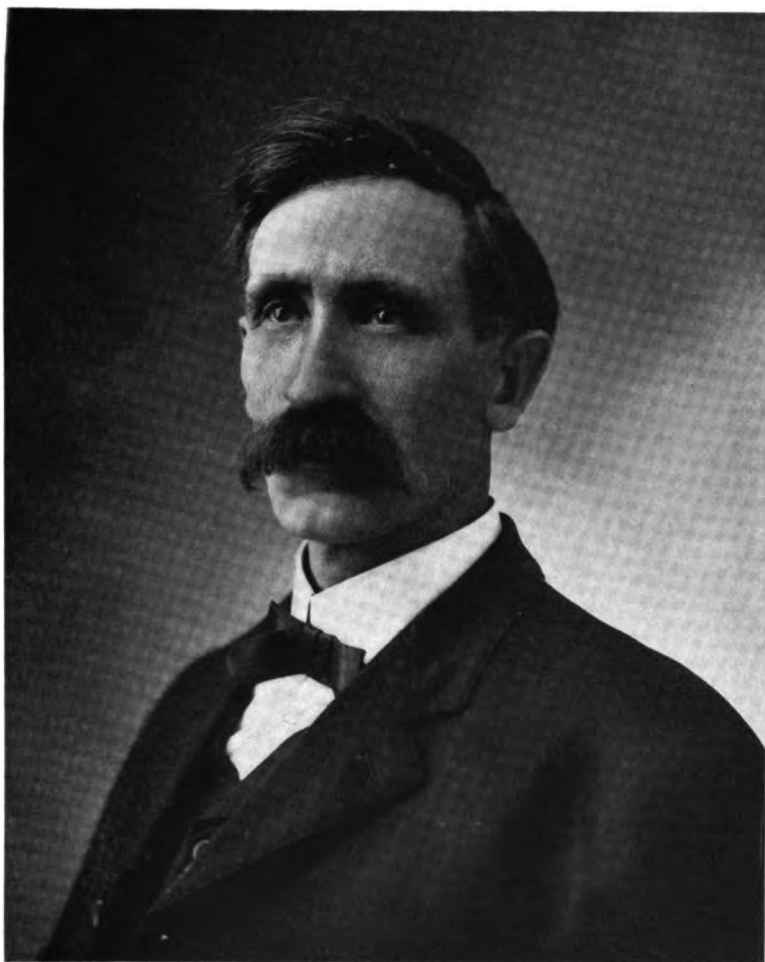
**JAMES A. BRYAN.** The name of James A. Bryan is inseparably associated with the history of Washington township, for here he passed nearly his entire life and was prominently identified with its farming and stock-raising interests. He was born, however, in the commonwealth of Virginia, April 27, 1831, a son of George and Nancy (Jones) Bryan, who were numbered among the earliest pioneers of Washington township. They came to this community during a very early epoch in its history, and they lived in their wagon until their little cabin home was erected. They were also among the first members of the Methodist Episcopal church here, and they lived lives of usefulness and helpfulness. They were both born in the old Dominion state of Virginia, and the father gave his political support to the Whig party.

James A. Bryan was a lad of nineteen years when he suffered the loss of his father by death, and throughout his entire business career he was engaged in farming and stock-raising, breeding Jersey hogs and Polled Angus cattle. He was numbered among the prominent business men of Washington township, and when his busy and useful life was ended in death, October 17, 1900, the community mourned the loss of one of its truest and best citizens. He was a worthy and acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wheeling, in which he served as a trustee for many years, and was one of the pillars of the church. His political support was given to the Republican party.

Mrs. Bryan bore the maiden name of Sarah C. Hale. She was born in Delaware county, Indiana, south of Muncie, May 10, 1853, a daughter of John T. and Mary E. (Olum) Hale. The father was born in Ohio January 25, 1829, but during his boyhood days he came to Delaware county, Indiana, and was here married, December 25, 1848, to Mary E. Olum, who was born in Ohio November 31, 1831. Their two children are Sarah C. and Peter. The son married Viola Mitchell, and is living in Washington township. The

parents died on their old homestead farm in Delaware county, the father on the 6th of January, 1856, and the mother on the 29th of March, 1907. Mrs. Bryan has been twice married. On the 8th of April, 1876, she wedded Jacob Swain, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, and his death occurred July 8, 1879, at the age of forty-three years. Two children were born of that union, Charles and Katy Ann. On the 28th of August, 1880, Mrs. Swain gave her hand in marriage to James A. Bryan. He had also been previously married, Rebecca Ginn becoming his wife, and they had eight children, of whom four are now living—Nancy J., Rachel A., Mary M. and Julia E. The wife and mother was born March 29, 1836, and her death occurred on the 2d of October, 1877. Her marriage was celebrated on the 20th of September, 1855. Three children were born to Mr. Bryan by his second marriage: Carl E., born in 1881; Minnie A., born November 19, 1885, and Arah, born January 19, 1891, and died August 29 of the same year. Mr. Bryan was a lover of music, and he seems to have imparted this love to his children. His son Carl is serving as the organist in the Methodist Episcopal church at Wheeling, having served in that position for about eight or nine years, and the daughter Minnie A. has been the organist of the Baptist church during a similar period. Mrs. Bryan has four of the old patent deeds, one executed under the date of March 3, 1853, by President Buchanan, and three executed April 24, 1820, under the hand of President Martin VanBuren, relics of the early settlement of Delaware county.

OLIVER E. WEBSTER. Although prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Delaware county for many years Oliver E. Webster is a native son of Madison county, Indiana, born in its township of Boone November 12, 1864. His father, Daniel W. Webster, was born in Delaware in 1848, a son of Robert W. Webster, who when his little son was only six months old started with the family on the overland journey to Indiana, coming with team and wagon to Rush county, which continued as their home for two years, when the journey was resumed to Madison county, Indiana. They established their home in Boone township, where Mr. Webster erected a log cabin in the wilderness, but in the early '60s he removed to Van Buren township and spent the remainder of his days there, enrolling his name among its revered and honored pioneers. His political affiliations were with the Whig party. In this state Daniel W. Webster attained to mature years, and he has lived on the old homestead to the present time, building in 1873 his pleasant and commodious country home. He has served his township as its supervisor and during the early days he taught school. He has always been engaged in the breeding of graded stock and is a lover of fine horses, while on his farm he has a deer park.



*Oliver E. Webster.*



Episcopal church at Summitville, and is a Republican politically. Mrs. Webster, a native daughter of Indiana, died in 1876, aged thirty-six years. In their family were seven children, of whom four are now living: Oliver E., the subject of this review; Robert E., who married Etta Johnson and is living in Madison county; Rebecca Jane, the wife of Thomas Cannup, of Van Buren township, Madison county; and Daniel F., who married Bertha Dunham, and resides in Monroe township, Madison county.

During the early years of his life Oliver E. Webster worked with his father on the old homestead farm, attending the neighborhood schools during the winter months, and he lived with his parents until his twenty-seventh year. He then bought the farm where he now lives in Washington township, Delaware county, and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has one of the finest roadsters in the county, and breeds from two to three fine draft horses each year. He has inherited from his father the love of mechanics, and has assisted him in much of his work. Mr. Webster had the misfortune to lose his home by fire in June, 1901, but he has now in the course of construction a fine residence, and his is one of the most valuable estates of Washington township.

On the 18th of June, 1892, he wedded Cora B. Dickey, born in Alexandria, Indiana, March 14, 1871, a daughter of William and Mary (Perdue-Groves) Dickey. Mrs. Webster is their only child, and her father, who was a farmer in Madison county, died when she was but six years of age, in 1877. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Webster,—Gladys, born August 8, 1894; Violet, born April 25, 1902; and Clarence, born January 23, 1905. Mr. Webster is a member of the order of Red Men at Summitville, Lodge No. 149, also of the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall No. 361, at Summitville, and has membership relations with the Methodist Episcopal church. He votes with the Republican party.

OLIVER A. BROYLES. The Broyles family is one of the oldest in Delaware county. The paternal grandfather of Oliver A., Anderson Broyles, was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, and his grandmother, Harriet Broyles, in Bourbon county, Kentucky, one in January and the other in April of 1812. They met in Rush county, Indiana, were wedded, and in 1837 moved from Rush county to Delaware county and settled upon a tract of land in Washington township near what is known as Pipe creek. They started with their Virginia and Kentucky strain to conquer the forest and help to make a civilization on this tract of land. Clearing a spot of ground, they cut and drew together round logs enough to build them a log cabin of one room. In this room they cooked, ate, slept and lived. In the garret were beds for the boys who had attained the dignity of graduation from the trundlebed. This was accessible only by a ladder made from two saplings flattened and rounds put in about two inches apart.

Such was the home of James Thomas Broyles, the father of Oliver A. He was the eldest of a large family of children and was born in the little

log cabin just described January 25, 1840, growing to manhood amid the surroundings, privileges and privations incident to a life in the pioneer epoch of a country's history. At the inauguration of the Civil war he placed his name on the volunteer roll of Company B, Thirty-sixth Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and had splendid opportunity to show his loyalty at Pittsburg Landing and Shiloh. Failing health caused his discharge in 1863, after two years of service, and he returned home to be a civilian. He was married to Miss Sarah A. Janney September 3, 1863, but becoming more and more desirous to assist in the quelling of hostilities at the front he in the spring of 1864 took an active interest in organizing Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, and was chosen its first lieutenant. Again he went to the southland and remained until the war was over and the south partially reconstructed. In the fall of 1864 he returned home, and with his young wife returned to the farm and began the clearing, improving and beautifying of his home. His death there occurred November 19, 1902, but his widow yet survives and is now residing at 119 West Main street, Muncie. In their family were the following children: Oliver A., Joseph R., Albert L., George W., Sherman A., Oren E., Walter G., Nelson (who died in 1895), Mrs. Carrie B. Benbow, Hattie A. and Lula B. About thirty years before his death Mr. Broyles was made a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, and he also took an active interest in the G. A. R. Post. He united with the Methodist church in 1857, and served as its district steward, collecting steward, class leader, trustee and Sunday-school superintendent. He was also enterprising and public spirited and won the confidence of his fellow townsmen. He served as the assessor of his township for twenty years, and then became the county assessor, being the first incumbent in that office in Delaware county.

The boyhood days of Oliver A. Broyles, the subject of this review, were spent as other lads on the farm, working in the fields during the summer months and attending the district schools during the winters, and he remained at home with his father until twenty-one years of age. During the following two years he was in his father's employ, and soon after his marriage he began farming for himself on his homestead in Washington township, his first home being a little four-room house. In 1900 the residence which now adorns the homestead was erected, as was also a modern barn, and he is extensively engaged in the breeding of graded cattle, hogs and horses in addition to his general agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Broyles married Ida E. Thurston July 27, 1887. She was born in

at the present the owner of an estate of two hundred and fifty acres of rich and well improved land, and is one of the leading citizens of Madison county. Mrs. Thurston was born in Madison county June 26, 1848, and on her father's old homestead there she gave her hand in marriage to George R. Thurston March 21, 1867, and three children were born to bless their union: Ida E., Harrison S. and Alpheus L. Mr. Thurston is a member of the Christian church and votes with the Democratic party. Mr. Broyles supports the principles of the Republican party, and has served his township as a member of its advisory board. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has served as president of its board of trustees and as one of its stewards. Mrs. Broyles belongs to the Christian church in Summitville, Indiana.

JOHN W. GILMER. Numbered among the native sons of Washington township, Delaware county, is John W. Gilmer, who is a representative of one of its prominent early families. His birth occurred on the 19th of February, 1865, and he is a son of Abraham and Isabelle (Jones) Gilmer, both of whom were born in Rockingham county, Virginia, the father on the 4th of April, 1823, and the mother on the 22d of January, 1831. They were married in their native county of Rockingham January 11, 1851, and in the fall of 1853 they made the overland journey with team and wagons to Indiana, spending about five weeks on the road and establishing their home in Washington township, Delaware county, where Mr. Gilmer purchased eighty acres of timber land in the dense wilderness, on which had been erected a little log cabin. After two years in this township they removed to Henry county, Indiana, where he followed his trade of wagon-making, which he had learned in Virginia. Four years later they returned to Washington township, and here the husband and father spent the remainder of his life, dying on the 24th of May, 1874, when fifty-one years of age. Since his death Mrs. Gilmer has built a frame house upon the farm, and she is now living with her son, John W. When age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Gilmer joined the ranks of the Whig party, from which he transferred his allegiance to the Republicans, and he was honored and revered by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Six children were born to him and his wife, three sons and three daughters, and all are yet living, namely: Elizabeth M., the wife of Conrad Lovet; Mary Jane, the wife of Henry Paxton; Sarah C., wife of James Linsey; William H., who married Emma Hamilton; John W., the immediate subject of this review; and James M., who married Zina Thorn.

John W. Gilmer was left fatherless when but a lad of nine years, and the period of his youth and early manhood were spent upon the old homestead farm, which he assisted to clear and cultivate. In fact, his entire life has been spent upon these parental acres with the exception of three years, from 1889 to 1892, when he was engaged in farming and stock raising in Illinois.

On the 11th of October, 1900, Mr. Gilmer was united in marriage to Miss Ida Haney, who was born November 19, 1871, the daughter of Bennett and Lydia (Owens) Haney, both of whom were born in Hancock county, Indiana, the father March 2, 1837, and the mother February 25, 1845. They were also married in Hancock county and became the parents of twelve children, seven now living: George, who married Goldie Cox; Ida, the wife of Mr. Gilmer; Arthur E., who married Loretta Case; Cora A., Jesse H., Marshall G. and Fernie. Mr. Haney has devoted his entire business career to agricultural pursuits and is now living in Gaston. He casts his ballot with the Democratic party. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer: James Paul Bennett and Jesse Leon. Mr. Gilmer is a member of the Christian church, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

BENJAMIN H. MCKINLEY is numbered among the prominent and well known business men of Washington township. His birth occurred in Edensburg, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1839, but his educational training was received in the schools of Nilestown, Ohio, where he was a schoolmate of the lamented President McKinley, his cousin. He is a son of John and Eliza (Boyle) McKinley, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania April 20, 1818, and died in Muncie, Indiana, August 22, 1896, while the latter was born in Seclonesville, Ohio, August 12, 1818, and died on the 8th of April, 1864. They were married June 27, 1836, in Ohio, and became the parents of the following children: James, born March 4, 1837, died in infancy; Susan, born February 28, 1838, also died in infancy; Benjamin H., the subject of this review; Alexander, born August 8, 1841, served nearly three years during the Civil war in the Ninth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, when he returned home on account of a broken arm, and re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment, serving until the close of the war, and his death occurred January 11, 1877; Mary, born June 6, 1843, is the widow of Thomas Anderson and a resident of Jay county, Indiana; John, born September 9, 1845, served his country in the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment during the Civil war, married Rebecca Burgess, and their home is in Muncie; Louis B., born June 2, 1848, married Anna M. Brewbaker, and is a Baptist minister in Goshen; William W., born August 20, 1850, is married and lives in Muncie; Sara Elizabeth, born April 5, 1855, married John Putnam, who is a printer and lives at the Old Soldiers' Home; Ira, born February 29, 1858, died November 12, 1861; and Henry, born December 12, 1860, received his education in Earlham College, of Richmond,

Gaston, then called New Corner, where he spent the remainder of his life as a minister in the Methodist church. He first gave his political support to the Whig party, from which he transferred his relations to the Republicans, and later became identified with the Democracy.

Benjamin H. McKinley accompanied his parents on their removal to Delaware county in 1855, and as a boy he worked on the homestead farm here and attended the district schools. In 1860, the year of his marriage, he engaged in farming for himself, continuing in that occupation until 1894, when he became identified with the general mercantile business at Stockport, and was thus engaged until the 15th of January, 1907. He had sold his farm in 1893.

Mr. McKinley married, October 25, 1860, Arah Bryan, who was born in West Virginia June 11, 1835, the daughter of George and Nancy (Jones) Bryan, both of whom were also natives of that commonwealth, the former born February 11, 1800, and the latter August 19, 1801. The father passed away in death on the 2d of January, 1850, but the mother long survived him and passed away December 25, 1874. They were married in Virginia and became the parents of the following children: Samuel, Nathan and Abraham, all deceased; William, who lost his life while in the service of his country during the Civil war; Anthony, Betsy and Alfred, also deceased; Arah, the wife of Mr. McKinley; and Rebecca, the wife of William B. Woodring, of Gaston, Indiana.

Mr. Bryan was born in Randolph county, West Virginia, but in the early year of 1839 came to Indiana and established his home in Washington township, Delaware county, where the family lived in a wagon until their little log cabin home could be built. He cleared his land and made him a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, having been long numbered among the leading agriculturists and business men of the township. He was also a prominent member of the Methodist church, and affiliated with the Whig party. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, namely: Nancy Jane, born August 4, 1861, died in infancy; William I., born January 17, 1862, married Katie Driscoll, and is engaged in business in Stockport, Indiana; John W., born September 22, 1864, married Ethel Trowbridge, and is a merchant of Canon City, Colorado; James A., born September 8, 1865, married Carrie Turner, and is engaged in the lampblack business in West Virginia; Samuel, born February 11, 1868, married Ella Rarach, and lives in Union township, Delaware county; Thomas M., born September 12, 1870, married Millie Rarach, and is also living in Union township; Mary N., born September 13, 1871, married Creed Broadwater, of Stockport; George M., born March 8, 1873, married Pearl Melvin; and Robert N., born November 1, 1875, married Minnie Adams, and is living in Muncie, Indiana.

Mr. McKinley was made a member of Gaston Lodge, A. F. & A. M., from which he was demitted to Oak Hill Lodge, of Oak Hill, Tennessee, and later transferred his membership to the home lodge. He is also a

member of Wheeling Lodge, No. 325, I. O. O. F., of Gaston Encampment, No. 424, of that order, of which he was one of the organizers, and is also a member of the State Grand Lodge. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a stanch Prohibitionist in his political affiliations.

SAMUEL MILHOLLIN. Throughout his entire life Samuel Milhollin has been a resident of Washington township, prominently identified with its farming and stock-raising interests, and his birth occurred within its borders September 18, 1856, a son of Nathan and Mary (Carmin) Milhollin. The father was born in Grant county, Indiana, in 1834, and his death occurred on the 25th of January, 1902. He purchased his brothers' and sisters' interest in his father's estate, and moved into the old log house which stood upon the homestead, there residing for about sixteen years. At the close of that period he bought a farm of George Beuoy, about three miles east of his former place, in section 24, Washington township, there spending the remainder of his life engaged in farming and stock-raising pursuits. During a number of years he was extensively engaged in buying and selling stock, shipping to the Buffalo, Cincinnati and Cleveland markets. He first drove his stock to Muncie or Eaton, and then shipped by rail, and he was also well known as a wool buyer for a number of years. Washington township numbered him among her most useful and prominent citizens and honored him with many of her public offices, he having served as a constable and also acted as an attorney for some of his neighbors, trying his cases before the justice of the peace. He was a member of the Farmers' Grange and affiliated with the Whig party. In December, 1854, Mr. Milhollin married Mary Carmin, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, January 29, 1836, and she now makes her home with her son Samuel. Four children were born to them: Samuel, William L., Anna, who died in infancy, and Allie, who married Charles Beuoy.

Samuel Milhollin spent the early years of his life in assisting his father in the work of the home farm, and during his subsequent years they farmed in partnership until the father's death. Since then he has conducted his operations alone, and at the present time he is farming three hundred and three acres of land of his own and also superintends the work on two hundred acres belonging to his mother. In 1904 he remodeled his residence, making it one of the most modern and pleasant homes of the township. In addition to his general agricultural pursuits he breeds fine horses, both driving and draft horses, and in his pastures he keeps about twenty head or

three years of age he came with his parents to Indiana, where his father, John M. Smith, followed his trade of coopering. During his younger days the son Henry conducted a lime kiln near Muncie, but later purchased a farm in Center township and continued its cultivation for a number of years, later buying eighty acres of timber land in Hamilton township. This he cleared and improved and made his home there until 1901, when he moved to Muncie and has since lived retired from active labor. During his boyhood days he assisted in driving stock through to New York city. During the Civil war he served as a dispatch carrier, serving as a member of Company I, Thirteenth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. He has been both a Whig and Republican in his political affiliations, during a number of years held the office of school director, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Smith was born in Muncie November 2, 1831, and in that city they were also married, becoming the parents of seven children, of whom five are now living: Julia, Lydia E., E. James, Cordelia K. and William H. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Milhollin: Nathan H., Corna and Ralph. Where national issues are involved Mr. Milhollin upholds the principles of the Republican party, but locally votes regardless of party ties, and he is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

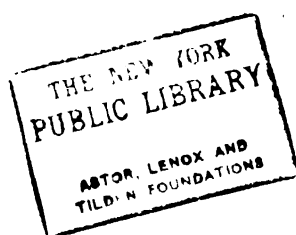
THOMPSON SHARP, a prominent farmer of Washington township, Delaware county, is a native of Indiana, born in the county of Henry, November 12, 1827. His father, Edward Sharp, was born January 4, 1801, in Tennessee, and his mother, who bore the maiden name of Anna Thompson, was a native of Virginia, where her birth occurred on the 18th of January, 1808.

Edward Sharp in an early day accompanied his parents, William and Elizabeth Sharp, to Ohio, this being in 1813, where they remained for a few years, and then came further west, locating in 1820 in Henry county, Indiana. Subsequently Mr. Edward Sharp purchased a farm in Salem township, Delaware county, where in time he became the possessor of a large tract of real estate, owning at the time of his death in 1855 six hundred and forty acres, the result of his own energy and thrift. In addition to the pursuit of agriculture he dealt quite extensively for a number of years in live stock, purchasing in various parts of Indiana and driving to Cincinnati, making of this a very profitable business. He was recognized as one of the leading citizens of the community in which he resided, was a member of the Christian church, and exerted a wholesome, moral influence upon all with whom he had business or other relations. His wife, a most estimable Christian lady and a member of the Protestant Methodist church, departed this life in 1862, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Sharp cemetery on the old homestead in Salem township. Thirteen children were born of this union, all of whom attained to years of maturity,

and those now living are: Thompson, William, Mary, Amanda, Martha, Kate and John. Mr. Sharp was a Whig in his political affiliations.

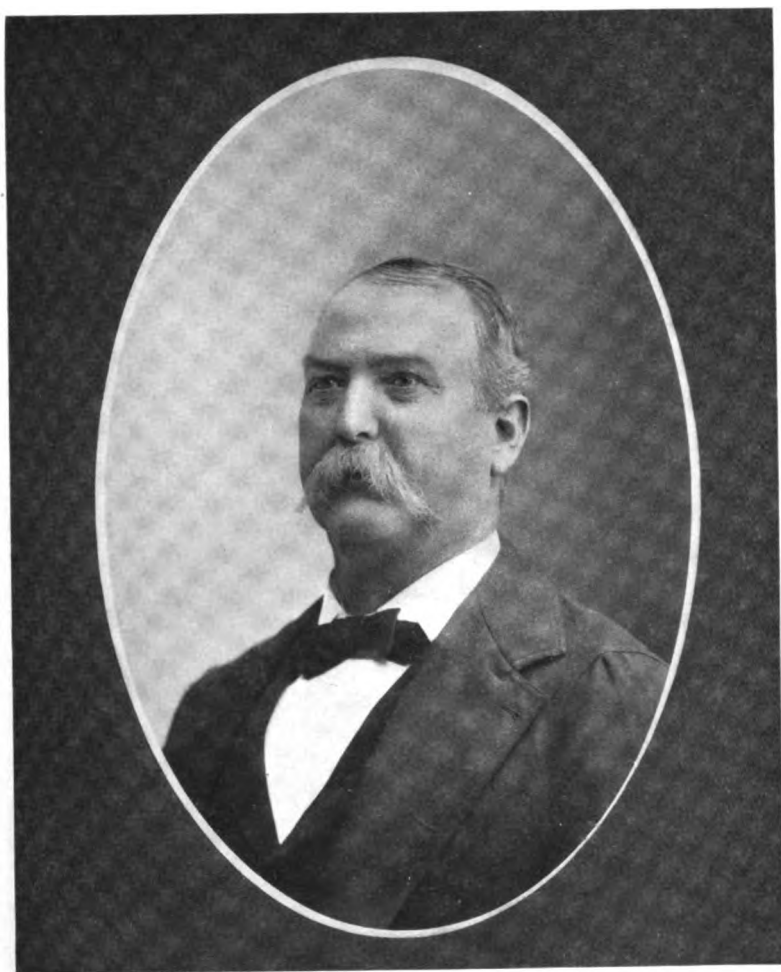
Thompson Sharp remained under the parental roof until his majority, working on the farm during the summer months, clearing the wilderness, and attending school about three months of each year until reaching the age of thirteen years. Consequently he is not an educated man in the knowledge of books, but in the practical affairs of life possesses a knowledge such as institutions of learning fail to impart. Immediately after his marriage, which occurred on the 15th of November, 1849, he removed to his present farm in Washington township, where he has since resided, actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. At that time the farm consisted of one hundred and twenty acres of timber land, with a little log house. He cleared the land and added to it until he had three hundred and twenty acres, while in 1868 he built him a fine brick house, in which he now lives, and his improvements upon the farm make it among the best in the township and county. Mr. Sharp has surrounded himself with all the modern improvements and conveniences of agriculture and home life. He is recognized as one of the intelligent and substantial pioneers and citizens of the community, and he manifests a lively interest in everything that pertains to the material and moral well being of the township of which he has so long been a resident. As an active worker in the Republican party he is widely and favorably known through the community. As a reward of his party service he has been twice elected to the responsible position of county commissioner, first in 1888 and second in 1892, the duties of which he discharged with ability and most commendable fidelity.

His marriage, as already noted, was solemnized on the 15th of November, 1849, with Miss Christena Bowers, who was born March 20, 1828, the daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Andes) Bowers, who were natives of the state of Virginia, born respectively in the counties of Shenandoah and Rockingham. They became residents of Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, in 1841, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which the remaining years of their lives were spent, the father dying at the age of sixty-two years, and the mother when she had reached the advanced age of eighty years. They were members of the Presbyterian church, and he was a Jackson Democrat politically. In their family were seven children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have been born the following children: Jemima A., Florence O., Otto, who married Kate Stradling, Ora L., the wife of John Hall, Noah, who married Amanda Prim, George, Nelson Grant, Dora, the wife of James Lewis, and Ozora T., who is a graduate of one of the leading literary and law schools of the county, and was admitted to the Federal and Supreme courts of Indianapolis in June, 1893. He married Miss May White and at the present time superintends the work of the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp also have twenty-three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His retentive memory recalls to mind many pleasant reminiscences of the early days of Delaware county, when the deer

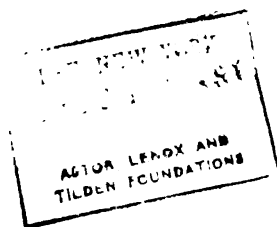




*Emma Clark*



*John Clark.*



and other wild game were plentiful, and his mother saw two different droves of deer. Mr. Sharp cast his first vote for General Scott for president.

JOHN CLARK was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, February 19, 1847, a son of John and Susannah (Webb) Clark, natives respectively of Lincolnshire, England, and Camden, New Jersey, the father born on the 10th of January, 1810, and the mother on the 17th of March, 1810. Both ended their lives at Indianapolis, Indiana, the mother dying there in 1872, aged sixty-two years, and the father survived until 1883. They were married in Camden, New Jersey, and became the parents of seven children, of whom six grew to years of maturity and four are now living: Hanna, the widow of Jacob Tressler and a resident of Johnson county, Indiana; Susannah, the wife of William Owens, also of Johnson county; Josiah, who makes his home in California; and John, the subject of this review.

Mr. Clark, the father, was a miller by trade, having learned that vocation in England. In 1831 he left the mother country for the United States, making the journey by sailing vessel and landing in the harbor of New York city after an ocean voyage of seven weeks. Making his way to Camden, New Jersey, he was there married, and after the birth of his two oldest children he moved to Ohio and followed agricultural pursuits for one year. Transferring his residence to Indianapolis, he resumed his trade of a miller, and thus he spent the remainder of his life with the exception of the two or three years when he was employed as a retail grocery merchant. He had fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows' order, was a member of the Episcopal church, and affiliated politically with the Whig party.

When he was a lad of sixteen years Mr. John Clark removed from his native city of Indianapolis to near Franklin, in Johnson county, Indiana, where he learned the miller's trade under his father's able instructions, and continued that occupation until his removal to Washington township, Delaware county, in 1873. After his arrival he became identified with agricultural pursuits on a new and heavily timbered farm, where his first residence was a little log dwelling, but later on, in 1906, this was superseded by a modern and commodious home, the one in which he now resides. His homestead farm consists of two hundred and eighty acres of fertile and well improved land. He has never cared for the emoluments or honors of public office, preferring to give his time to his business interests, but he affiliates politically with the Democracy. He is a member of Delaware Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., at Muncie, and he is also a member of the Odd Fellows' order, joining Johnson Lodge No. 76, at Franklin, Indiana, from which he was transferred to Wheeling Lodge No. 325, and is a member of the Encampment No. 229, at Gaston, and the Rebekah Lodge No. 134, also of that city. He is a member of Canton Muncie No. 4, being major of the Third Battalion, Third Regiment, Patriarchs Militant. He is a member of the Grace Episcopal church at Muncie.

Mr. Clark married Miss Emma Thurston September 16, 1869. She was

born in Shelby county, Indiana, October 12, 1851, and died September 21, 1896. Her parents, David and Lurinda (Laing) Thurston, were born in Franklin county, Indiana, the father November 11, 1811, and the mother August 29, 1821. They died December 7, 1889, and January 25, 1891, respectively. They were married in their native county of Franklin July 1, 1838, and became the parents of twelve children, but only five are now living: Mary, the widow of Enos Thurston and a resident of Gaston; Arthur J., who married Mary J. Hackney and is living in Shelbyville, Indiana; Abner; Firman F., who married Zella Ross and resides in Shelby county; and George B., also a resident of that county. Mr. Thurston, the father, was a son of Flavial Thurston, a weaver by trade. The former became a farmer in Shelby county, Indiana, residing on his homestead there until about two years before his death, when he removed to Shelbyville and spent his remaining days retired from active business pursuits. He was a member of the Baptist church, and was a Jackson Democrat politically. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born three children: William Angus, born June 30, 1870, married Amy McRae; John Talbot, born September 5, 1871, married Edna Rector, and they have two daughters; and Lucy Emma, born September 29, 1873. Mr. Clark also has two grandchildren.

JOHN WESLEY MCCREERY. Delaware county numbers among her native sons John W. McCreery, whose birth occurred in Harrison township on the 24th of December, 1842. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Maynard) McCreery, were natives respectively of Virginia and Maryland, but were numbered among those brave pioneers who established their home in Delaware county in a very early day in its history and assisted in the reclaiming of its wild land for purposes of civilization.

Samuel McCreery, whose natal day was the 9th of July, 1801, emigrated when a young man to Carroll county, Ohio, and purchased one hundred acres of land, continuing its cultivation and improvement until his removal to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1838. Here he entered three hundred and sixty acres of land at the government land office then located at Ft. Wayne, paying one dollar an acre. His farm was heavily timbered, and in fact the entire county at that time was but a wilderness, where wild game was found in abundance. His first home was the typical log cabin of the early days, but this in time gave place to a modern frame residence, the homestead was transformed into a fertile and well improved farm, and Mr. McCreery became one of the most prominent residents of Harrison township. He was an earnest Christian gentleman, a member of the Methodist Episcopal

clearing the old home farm and placing its fields under cultivation, and in the meantime he received his educational training in the district schools. At the age of twenty-three years he began farming for himself on a tract of eighty acres which had been given him by his father, but previous to this time, on the 19th of December, 1863, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. This was the Ninth Cavalry Regiment, and he enlisted at New Corner for three years or during the war, receiving his honorable discharge on the 28th of December, 1865, at Vicksburg, Mississippi. His regiment left Delaware county with twelve hundred and forty men and officers, but at the return of this brave band its ranks had been depleted to three hundred and sixty men and officers. During his army career Mr. McCreery took part in the following hard-fought battles: Pulaski, Tennessee, September 25, 1864; Bentwood, November 7, 1864; Nashville, December 15, 1864; Wilson's Pike, December 17, 1865, besides numerous skirmishes.

When his country no longer needed his services Mr. McCreery returned to his home and to his farming pursuits, and the little eighty acre tract which his father gave him at the commencement of his business career was increased by subsequent purchases until he became the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres. In 1897, however, he put aside the active work of the farm and removed to Gaston, where he purchased a home and has since lived a quietly retired life, at the present time being a member of the town council.

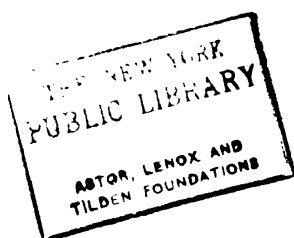
Mr. McCreery married September 25, 1865, Mary A. Trout, whose death occurred on the 9th of June, 1879. She was the daughter of Washington and Carmilla (Christy) Trout, who were natives of Ohio, but became residents of Delaware county, Indiana, in a very early day, and Mr. Trout was prominent in the early history of this community, where he followed agricultural pursuits. He voted with the Whig party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Trout eight are now living. For his second wife Mr. McCreery married, March 17, 1881, Nannie J. Pond, whose birth occurred in Clinton county, Ohio, September 29, 1850, the daughter of David and Eleanor (Gregory) Pond. The father, who was born in Ohio, died in Clinton county, that state, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, and the mother passed away in death at her home in that county March 3, 1885, aged sixty-nine years, seven months and four days. Mr. Pond was one of the most prominent men of his community, well known in both its professional and business circles, where he was a school teacher, farmer and minister. He was a graduate from Harvard College and a fine Bible student. Two weeks before his death he preached in the Clarksville, Ohio, Methodist Episcopal church, thus continuing an active worker in the cause of his Master until his life's labors were ended. He served as president of the Old Settlers' Association of Ohio, and was a Whig politically. The following seven children were born to Mr.

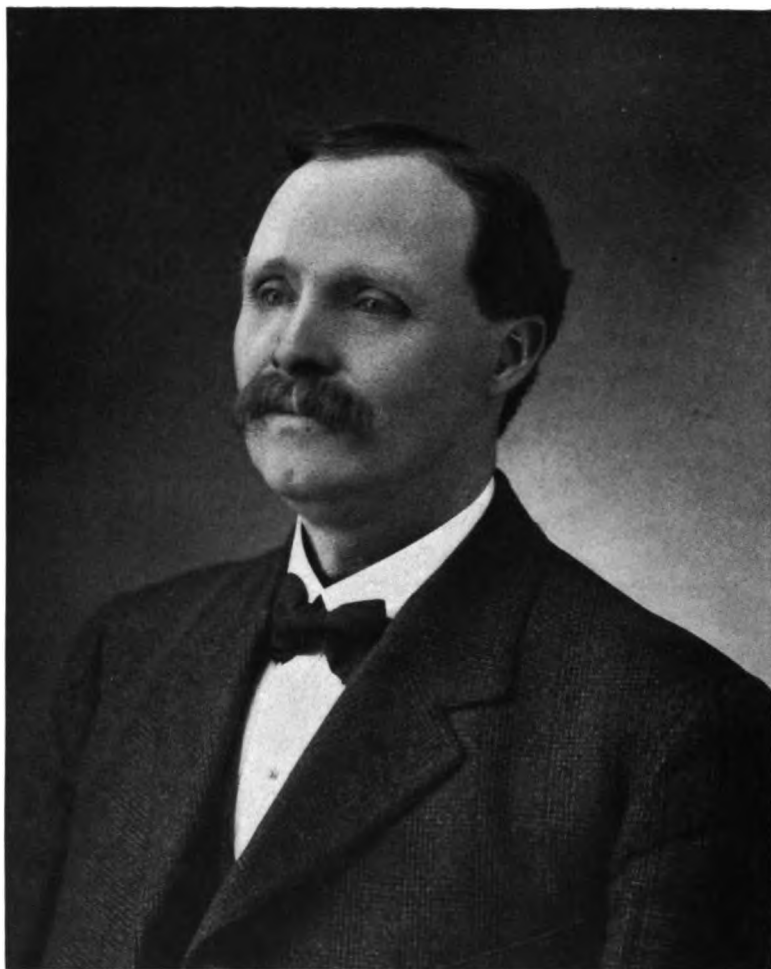
and Mrs. Pond: Mary C., Sylvester, Levi, Nannie, Virginia and Rosa. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCreery three are now living: Etta F., born October 29, 1866, married to David Cole, and resides in Muncie; Osee O., born January 14, 1870, married Leroy Hiatt; and Dorsey O., born January 18, 1876, married Nellie Lawson. Mr. McCreery's political affiliations are with the Republican party, and both he and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**WILLIAM HIATT.** A well-known farmer and stock-raiser, William Hiatt, residing on section 24, Harrison township, has met with deserved success in his chosen vocation, and is to-day one of the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of this part of Delaware county. He comes from honored pioneer stock, his grandparents, John and Charity Hiatt, having been among the earlier settlers of Henry county. His parents, Solomon and Elizabeth (McColleston) Hiatt, spent their entire lives in Indiana, during their active years being identified with the agricultural prosperity of town and county. Further parental history may be found on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of Alexander Hiatt, brother of William Hiatt.

A native of Delaware county, William Hiatt was born in Harrison township, April 24, 1864, and acquired his preliminary education in the district schools. On the parental homestead he was early initiated into the work attendant upon agricultural pursuits, and when ready to begin the battle of life for himself chose the occupation of a farmer. In 1899 he purchased his first farm, and, having added improvements of value, sold it at an advantage in 1906. Mr. Hiatt immediately bought the land upon which he is now living, and has continued his agricultural labors. He has one hundred and ten acres of rich and fertile land, and in the prosecution of his independent calling is reaping a generous reward, being numbered among the successful farmers and stock-raisers of his community.

On October 28, 1888, Mr. Hiatt married Addie M. Brunton, who was born in Decatur county, Indiana, March 23, 1866. Her father, Noah L. Brunton, was born May 5, 1828, in Jefferson county, Indiana, and died March 27, 1905, in Harrison township. The son of a pioneer of Jefferson county, Noah L. Brunton early became inured to the hardships and privations incident to life in an undeveloped country, and as a boy and youth assisted his father in the arduous labor of clearing a homestead from the wilderness. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted, September 18, 1861, in Company H, Thirty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served bravely for a little more than three years, receiving his honorable discharge October 27, 1864. He was very faithful in the performance of his duties, and with the exception of the time that he was in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, he actively participated in all of the battles and skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged. Locating in Decatur county on his return, he was there a tiller of the soil until 1884, when he bought forty acres of land





*S. J. McCreery*

in Harrison township and came here to reside. The land was covered with brush and timber, but he cleared it, erected a house, and here spent his remaining days, an esteemed and respected citizen. He was a member of Bethel Lodge No. 731, I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R. Post. On January 11, 1853, Mr. Brunton married in Decatur county, Louisa H. Bentley, who was born January 4, 1835, in Butler county, Ohio, and is now living in Delaware county. She bore him five children, of whom four are living, as follows: Caroline, wife of William J. Colson; James married Sarah E. House; Addie M., wife of Mr. Hiatt, and Gilbert A., who married Larma J. Hutson.

Five children have been born into the household established by Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt, namely: Carl, who died in infancy; Forest E., Clifford M., Gilbert A. and a child that died in infancy. A Republican in politics, Mr. Hiatt is recognized as an honest man and good citizen, always ready to perform his part in advancing the general welfare of the community, and is a member of the Cemetery Association at Bethel, Indiana, of which he is secretary and treasurer. Religiously he is a member of the New Light Christian church, belonging to Kings Chapel, and socially he is a member of Bethel Lodge No. 731, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the offices, and of the Tribe of Red Men at Gaston, Indiana.

SAMUEL J. MCCREERY, prominently identified with the business interests of Gaston, was born in Harrison township, Delaware county, Indiana, January 25, 1851, and received his educational training in the public schools of his native county. His father, Thomas McCreery, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth McCreery, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, October 7, 1826, and departed this life on the 16th of March, 1906. When twelve years of age he came to Indiana with his parents and located on the farm now owned by his son William, one-half a mile south of Gaston. The county at that time was a dense wilderness. His father located on a claim of four hundred acres, eighty of which he gave to Thomas and he cleared it himself and helped to blaze the way from his father's house to a neighbor's, which was no small job. He endured the hardships and enjoyed the triumphs of pioneer days. When quite a young man he became a Christian, his father having been a charter member of the First Methodist Episcopal society in the neighborhood, which was organized in 1843, and about 1849 Thomas McCreery and his wife became members, joining the church in Levi Miller's house west of Gaston, and from that time on he was a faithful Christian. He was also very much interested in the public welfare and the country's civilization, and he helped to make the country, highways and schools what they are now. There is scarcely a church around the country that he did not give of his means to build.

In 1849 Mr. McCreery married Miss Catherine Brown, and they became the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters, namely: Samuel J., James W., Nathan A. and John W., also Hannah E. Janney, Phoebe J. McCreery, Rebecca A. McMahan, Sarah L. Kirkland and Effie

Hannan. On the 14th of April, 1886, his companion, who had been his co-worker in life, passed to her final reward. He was married to Margaret Anderson December 16, 1898, and on February 19, 1901, married Martha J. French, all of his companions preceding him in death, also two of his daughters, Phoebe J. McCreery and Rebecca A. McMahan. He lived alone during a portion of his life, but the last four weeks were spent with his son Samuel, where, after a continued attack of illness, he passed quietly away. He was a good husband, a kind and loving father, an affectionate brother, an energetic and noble man and a representative citizen.

During his boyhood days Samuel J. McCreery, the immediate subject of this review, worked on the farm with his father during the summer months, helping to clear the place from its virgin state, and attended the schools of the neighborhood during the winters. When he was twenty-one years of age he learned the painter's trade, but being the owner of eighty acres which his father had given him he abandoned his trade after nine months and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was also married about this time, and his first home was a frame house of two rooms, but later on he built additions thereto until he had a good eight-room house on his farm, and in the meantime he also added to his land until he is to-day the owner of about two hundred acres, all of which is fertile and well improved, while in addition to his agricultural labors he was also quite extensively engaged in stock raising, breeding Poland China and Jersey hogs. In 1899 Mr. McCreery left the farm and removed to Gaston, where he erected a pleasant home and in 1902 engaged in the canning business with others, he being one of the directors of the business. In 1893 he with others built the New Corner and Anthony pike, and was also one of the charter members of the Gaston Banking Company, in which he served as one of the directors.

On the 25th of December, 1873, Mr. McCreery married Martha Trout, whose death occurred on the 19th of January, 1903. She was born in Licking county, Ohio, November 21, 1847, the daughter of Washington and Carmilla (Christy) Trout, both of whom were also natives of the Buckeye state, but both passed away in death in Harrison township, Delaware county, the father when he had reached the age of sixty-five years, and the mother at the age of seventy-five. Of the ten children born to this couple nine lived to years of maturity and four are now living: Henry B., Francis M., Emma R. and Orlena. The parents came to Delaware county in the early '30s, locating in Harrison township. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and gave his political support to the Republican party. On the 25th of December, 1905, Mr. McCreery married Martha J. Jackson. She was born in Hancock county, Indiana, the daughter of Andrew and Katura (Boulden) Jackson, both of whom were

He was born in Wayne county of this state March 10, 1823, a son of Levi and Elizabeth Jackson. When he was seven years of age the family moved to Madison county, Indiana, and in a very early day they established their home in Hancock county. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church during his boyhood days, and thereafter lived a true Christian life, becoming one of the leading members of his church and for many years served as its class leader. He became the father of five children by his first marriage, but only four are now living: Thomas J., Sarah H., John W. and Martha J. By his second marriage, to Priscilla Haney, Mr. Jackson became the father of eight children, but only two of this large number now survive, Pearl E. and Lottie. On the 5th of August, 1885, Martha J. Jackson married Ivens P. Curtis, whose death occurred on the 1st of July, 1897, and to them were born two children, Annie E. and Roy E., the elder dying in infancy. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCreery, but the first born died in infancy, Birdella, the second married George W. Miller, and died February 16, 1906, aged twenty-six, and Lloyd E. married Winona Manring and resides in Gaston.

Mr. McCreery was made a Mason in New Corner Lodge No. 524, from which he transferred his membership to Muncie Lodge No. 334, and he was also a charter member of the order of Red Men, but is not now a member of that fraternity. He affiliates with New Corner Lodge No. 425, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past noble grand, and is also a member of Encampment No. 223, in which he has passed all the chairs and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Since seventeen years of age Mr. McCreery has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the meantime having assisted in the erection of two churches in Gaston, and for twenty years or more served in the office of steward, while at the present time he is the president of the board of trustees. He is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations.

**WILLIAM C. HOFFMAN.** For forty years a resident of Delaware county, William C. Hoffman has been closely identified with its industrial and agricultural growth and progress, and is widely known as a citizen of sterling worth and integrity. A veteran of the Civil war, he is distinguished for his military record as a soldier, while in private life he is recognized as a true, upright man, one to whom will be said when "taps" are sounded for the last time, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." A son of William H. Hoffman, he was born, March 8, 1846, in Montgomery county, Ohio, and there spent his early years.

William H. Hoffman was born in Pennsylvania, in 1807, and died in 1852, in Ohio, while yet in manhood's prime. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoffman, he moved to Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He began life on his own account as a merchant in Dayton, Ohio, but afterwards settled on a farm, and from that time until his death was actively employed in agricultural pursuits. He was a Whig in his political

affiliations, and in religion belonged to the United Brethren church. He married in Ohio Maria Camp, who was born in 1819 in New Jersey, and died in 1893 in Delaware county, Indiana. Seven children were born to them, five of whom survive, as follows: William C., the special subject of this sketch; Harriet, wife of J. J. McCarter; George W. married Delia Bliss; Lucetta, wife of Noah Sinks; and Elizabeth, wife of Perry Waymier.

During the days of his boyhood William C. Hoffman worked on the home farm, attending the district schools during the winter seasons. When the tocsin of war rang throughout the land he was a beardless youth, but his patriotic blood was aroused, and on October 22, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Company F, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On July 25, 1864, he was honorably discharged with his comrades from service, and at once re-enlisted in the same company, becoming a veteran of the regiment in which he first enlisted. On February 8, 1865, he was made corporal of his company, and in that capacity served until receiving his final discharge, July 10, 1865. With the gallant heroes of the Seventy-fourth Regiment Mr. Hoffman participated in some of the more important battles and skirmishes of the war, taking part in more than twenty engagements, including among others the following named: Chickamauga, Look-out Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Stone River, Buzzards Roost, Resaca, Dallas, Jonesboro and Atlanta. Returning to his Ohio home at the close of the war Mr. Hoffman resumed farming, remaining there about two years.

In 1867, following the trail established by the pioneers of old, Mr. Hoffman came to Delaware county, locating first as a farmer in Salem township and afterwards removing to Mount Pleasant township, where he was similarly employed for a number of years. Coming to Washington township in 1899, he purchased the farm which he now owns and occupies, and began its improvement by the erection of the substantial farm house, of modern structure, in which he is now living. He is not at the present time actively engaged in tilling the soil, but rents the land, deriving a good annual income from the rentals.

Mr. Hoffman married, November 30, 1871, Mary Lambert, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, January 10, 1854, a daughter of John N. Lambert and a granddaughter of Noah and Elizabeth Lambert, who were among the earliest settlers of Ohio county, Indiana. John N. Lambert was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, December 26, 1830, and died June 1, 1907, in Delaware county, Indiana. Coming with his parents to Indiana when a child, he was brought up in Ohio county, living there until 1854. Locating then in Delaware county, he bought fifty-six acres of land on which the timber was still standing, and ere long the steady swing of his

land, and in course of time added to the area of his farm by the purchase of forty acres of adjoining land, and replaced the log cabin with a substantial frame house, in which he spent the remainder of his days, dying honored and esteemed by all. He became a man of influence in the county, and was an important factor in developing its resources. He was a Whig in politics, a member of the United Brethren church, and belonged to Delaware Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mr. Lambert married, in Switzerland county, Indiana, Nancy J. Graham, who was born in that county July 12, 1831, and died in Delaware county February 16, 1879. She bore him nine children, of whom eight are living, as follows: Mary, wife of Mr. Hoffman; Joseph O. married Emma Cromer; John W. married Effie Rader; David H. married Anna Meeker; Charles E. married Sarah Smith; Oliver P. married Sadie Bateman; Oscar C. married Agnes Hupp; and Josie B., wife of Charles Walker.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman six children have been born, namely: Vertie M., who died at the age of twenty-four years; Milton B. married Ethel Oxley; Bessie A., wife of Oscar O. Boxell, of whom a brief sketch appears on another page of this work; George A. married Gertrude Robbins; Harry E. married Fannie Smith; and Hattie L., wife of John Carmon. Politically Mr. Hoffman is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to Lookout Mountain Post No. 140, G. A. R. Religiously he and his wife are conscientious members of the Methodist Protestant church.

JACOB E. SHARP. As a life-long resident of Delaware county and an important factor in the development of its mercantile, agricultural and industrial prosperity, the late Jacob E. Sharp is specially deserving of honorable mention in this biographical and historical work. As a successful business man, a trustworthy citizen, and a man of strict integrity and high moral principles, he had the sincere respect and esteem of his neighbors and friends. He was born in Washington township, this county, November 2, 1854, and died near Gaston August 30, 1901, while yet in manhood's prime. He was of honored pioneer descent, being a son of Thompson and Christena (Bower) Sharp, of whom a brief account may be found on another page of this volume.

Beginning life for himself as a merchant, Jacob E. Sharp had a general store in New Corner, now Gaston, for two years, carrying on quite an extensive business. Closing out then, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, for which he had a natural aptitude and liking. Locating in Harrison township, he made substantial improvements on the farm which he purchased, including among other things the erection of a good frame house. He continued his occupation of a farmer until 1895, when he removed to a pleasant home in Gaston, where he resided until called to the better life. Although a staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Sharp never

sought public office, but he was prominent as an Odd Fellow, belonging to New Canaan Lodge, No. 154, I. O. O. F.

On December 25, 1875, Mr. Sharp married Florence A. Brady, who was born in Harrison township, this county, April 3, 1855, and into the home thus established four children were born, namely: Elmer Vernon, who died in infancy, Avery L., Lula May and Dora Hazel. Mrs. Sharp's father, the late Aaron W. Brady, was born in Ohio September 25, 1822, and died in Delaware county, Indiana, September 13, 1879. When a child he came with his parents to Indiana, his father taking up a government claim in the wilderness, and from it reclaiming a homestead. In the days of his boyhood the wild beasts of the forest had not fled before the advancing steps of civilization, but with the dusky savage habited the vast wilderness. While assisting his father in clearing a homestead he acquired a practical knowledge that was of much use to him in after years, and when ready to commence his career as an independent farmer he took up a tract of timbered land and began the improvement of a farm. He was very successful in his undertaking, becoming the possessor of one of the most attractive and valuable homesteads in this part of the county. The humble log cabin which he reared in the forest was replaced by a comfortably built frame house, in which he spent his last years in comfort and pleasure. He was a Whig in politics until the formation of the Republican party, when he became one of its most ardent supporters, and belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. He was buried with Masonic honors by the New Canaan Lodge No. 425, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a prominent member. Mr. Brady married, in Indiana, Hannah Marshall, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, January 13, 1821, and died January 13, 1875. She bore him eight children, of whom three survive, namely: Margaret, wife of Thomas Duncan; William, who married Eliza Hannan; and Mrs. Florence A. (Brady) Sharp.

JOHN W. KIRKLIN, one of the prominent and leading business men of Washington township, was born in Henry county, Indiana, June 25, 1859. His father, John R. Kirklin, was a native son of North Carolina, from whence he removed to Illinois and later to Henry county, Indiana, where he followed his trade of coopering and farming until 1887, since which time he has lived a retired life, making his home in Perry township, Delaware county. He has reached the eightieth milestone on the journey of life, and is loved and honored in the community in which he has so long made his home. He is a member of the German Baptist church, in which he has served as a minister during the past forty years, and his political affiliations have been with the Whig and Republican parties. During his residence in Illinois Mr. Kirklin married Louisa Bruer, who was born in 1829, and died in 1861. Of the six children born of this union four are now living: Martha, William T., Jacob and John W. The father was a second time married, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, nee Holler, then be-

coming his wife, and they also had six children, the three now living being Eli, Susan and Charles.

During three years of his early business career John W. Kirklin was engaged in general merchandising in Gaston, after which he turned his attention to farming on twelve acres of land in Washington township. With the passing years he extended the boundaries of this little farm until he became the owner of two hundred and thirty-five acres, all fertile and well improved land, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. In addition to his extensive agricultural interests he is also engaged in the undertaking business in Gaston in partnership with Bert Powers, he having been engaged in this vocation since 1892. He is a member of the order of Red Men, Sioux Tribe No. 123, at Gaston, Indiana, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

On the 29th of September, 1887, Mr. Kirklin married Sarah L. McCreery, who was born in Harrison township, Delaware county, May 23, 1866. Her father, Thomas McCreery, was one of the prominent and successful farmers of Harrison township, being held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, October 7, 1826, and died on the 16th of March, 1906. He came from Ohio at an early date with his parents, with whom he lived until twenty-four years of age, when he was married. After becoming of age he worked with his father until his marriage, the latter then giving him a contract to clear eighty acres of land, while in addition he worked his father's farm on the shares. He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Maynard) McCreery. The former, born in Virginia July 9, 1801, emigrated to Carroll county, Ohio, when a young man and bought one hundred acres of land, on which he farmed and made his home until 1838, in that year coming to Delaware county and entering three hundred and sixty acres of land in the wilderness. His wife died on the 2d of February, 1889, but he survived until the 23d of November, 1893, passing away at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was identified with the Whig party.

Thomas McCreery added to the homestead farm at different times until he at one time owned four hundred and seventeen acres, while in addition he also owned a half interest in a large store room in New Corner, now Gaston, and other property in that city. Mr. McCreery married, October 25, 1849, Miss Catherine Brown, a daughter of Samuel and Phebe Brown, natives of Clinton county, Ohio, but they became residents of the western part of Delaware county, Indiana, where the husband and father was engaged in farming. He was also a cooper by trade. Mrs. McCreery was born April 7, 1828, and died April 15, 1886, her remains now resting in the Cumberland cemetery, where a beautiful monument stands sacred to her memory. She was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her. By this marriage the following children were born: Samuel J., whose biography also appears in this

work; Hannah E., the wife of William Janney; Rebecca, deceased; James W.; Nathan A.; John W.; Sarah L., the wife of John W. Kirklin; and Mary M., the wife of Barney Hannan. Mr. McCreery married September 18, 1888, for his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Ellen Anderson, the widow of O. Anderson and a native of Clermont county, Ohio. Mr. McCreery was a Republican in his political affiliations, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirklin, namely: Byrel R., born September 22, 1888; Floyd R., born June 2, 1891; Twily T., born December 23, 1893; Wayne L., born August 9, 1896; and Oren L., born April 29, 1903.

JOSEPH A. BROYLES was born in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, August 5, 1852, a son of Anderson H. and Harritt (Wilson) Broyles. The father was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, August 19, 1812, but in 1834, when twenty-two years of age, he came to Rush county, Indiana, where he worked on a farm for about two years. Not being satisfied with that location, however, he concluded to remove to another part of the state where he could procure a home of his own. It was in 1837 that he came with his father's family to Washington township, Delaware county, which was then but a dense wilderness. He built him a little log cabin and started in life in very humble circumstances, but by energy, industry and excellent business ability he became numbered among the largest real estate owners in Washington township, as well as one of its leading citizens. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for nearly fifty-five years, and when his good and useful life was ended in death, on the 29th of December, 1879, his funeral services were held in Zion Chapel on the 31st, conducted by Rev. J. D. Croan. He gave his political support to the Whig party. On the 20th of February, 1835, during his residence in Rush county, Indiana, he was there married to Harritt Wilson, who was born in Kentucky April 9, 1812, and died in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, March 23, 1895. Of the eight children born of this union, four are now living: John W., William H., Lewis H. and Joseph A.

Joseph A. Broyles remained at home with his parents until his marriage, in the meantime assisting his father in the work of the farm and pursuing his education in the district schools and in the high school of Muncie. Soon after his marriage he began farming for himself on forty acres of land, later on building him a log house which served as the family home until 1902, in that year erecting the modern frame dwelling which adds so much to the value and attractive appearance of the homestead. He has improved his farm of one hundred and thirty-nine and a half acres from its primitive state to its present high degree of cultivation, having been assisted in the work by his sons but in the spring of 1907 Mr. Broyles laid aside the active work of the farm and has since lived a retired life, his sons conducting the work of the homestead.

The marriage of Mr. Broyles was celebrated on the 12th of August, 1876, Eliza C. Reeder becoming his wife. She was born in Grant county, Indiana, December 25, 1850, the daughter of William H. H. and Elizabeth (Daily) Reeder. Mr. Reeder, who was born in Ohio, took up his abode in Grant county, Indiana, during the early '40s, entering government land, and on his farm he erected the hewed log house which now serves as the home of his son, William H. H., Jr. At one time he was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, most of which he cleared himself, and his name is enrolled among the honored early pioneers of Grant county. He served as a justice of the peace for a number of years, during which time he settled a number of estates, and during an extended period he was also a member of the teacher's profession. He was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, and his political support was given to the Whig party. The marriage of Mr. Reeder occurred in Decatur county, Indiana, whither his wife, who was a native daughter of Kentucky, had been brought by her parents when but six years of age. During her young womanhood she united with the United Brethren in Christ church, and lived a beautiful Christian life during the remainder of her days. Mr. Reeder attained to the age of seventy-one years, dying in 1882. Five of their seven children are now living: Margaret, Eliza C., William H. H., Flora M. and Robert B. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Broyles have been born four children: Catherine R. is the wife of M. M. Schlenker, and they have three sons. William, born October 2, 1879, has taught school every winter since he was eighteen years of age, having received an excellent training in the State Normal College at Angola, Indiana, in which he graduated August 10, 1895, and he graduated with the class of 1908 in the State University. He is now attending the Bloomington, Indiana, University. Robert B., born January 19, 1882, attended the Indianapolis Business College. He married Maggie Rector. Charles M., born May 14, 1884, attended the Angola Normal College. He married Leora M. Fergus. The family are members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Broyles is a Republican politically.

RANDOLPH BEUOY, Gaston, Indiana, was born in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, August 14, 1834, and is the oldest living native of that township. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (Heart) Beuoy.

Thomas Beuoy was born in West Virginia, June 3, 1786, and devoted the major portion of his life to agricultural pursuits. He earned his first money by hunting and trapping in Ohio, having entered Ohio before it had become a state. He had the distinction of being one of those who saw the first steamboat which came down the Ohio river. When fifteen years of age he helped to build the court house at Waynesburg, West Virginia. He later removed to Wheeling, Virginia, when there were but three shops in the town. He suffered from a severe attack of fever when but a young man, and hope for his recovery was given up, but thanks to previous

sound health and careful nursing he recovered. He purchased his first land, an eighty acre timber tract, in Guernsey county, Ohio, with money which he had made by hunting and trapping. Later he added an additional eighty acres to this tract, and built upon the property a double hewed log house. He made a trip, with his pony and dog, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, then down the Wabash river, and up the Mississinewa to the point where the city of Marion now stands. At this point he encountered a young man and his wife engaged in building themselves a log cabin. These were the first white people he had met on his trip. From this point he continued to Wheeling and then returned to Ohio, and in the spring of 1832, removed with his wife and children to Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana. He entered two hundred acres of timber land at the land office in Fort Wayne, and upon this holding erected the first frame house in Washington township, and before he died he presented to each of his sons tracts of land varying from eighty to one hundred acres. He belonged to the primitive Baptist church; was originally a Democrat, next a Whig and finally a Republican. His death occurred August 27, 1865. The mother of our subject was born in Virginia in May, 1785, and is now deceased. She was the mother of twelve children, two of whom are living, Randolph, our subject, and Benoni.

Randolph Beuoy as a boy worked upon his father's farm helping to clear the land and put it into condition for cultivation, and managed to get a couple of months' schooling in the winter months. When he reached the age of seventeen his father turned the farm over to him and he managed the same until his father's death, when he and his brother Benoni farmed the land in partnership. In the fall of 1877 Mr. Beuoy built the attractive house in which he now resides. He has retired from active work and rents the farm but still maintains his residence on the place. He and his wife are among the organizers of their local primitive Baptist church. In politics he is a Republican and has voted for every Republican nominee for the presidency since the days of John C. Fremont.

On January 14, 1858, Mr. Beuoy was united in marriage to Miss Eliza McVicker, who was born in Blackford county, Indiana, January 9, 1837. She is the daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Brunner) McVicker. The father was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in September, 1810, and died March 18, 1860, and the mother was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, May 4, 1811, and died in September, 1875. Of a family of thirteen children but four are living: Eliza, wife of our subject, James, Harriet, and Eli. Mr. McVicker located in Blackford county in 1834. He was a member and a deacon of Primitive Baptist church, and a great Bible student. In politics he was a Jefferson Democrat.

children: William B. Jones, who lived with them until he was twenty-two years of age, Lizzie Leard, and Lulu Beuoy. There are eight grandchildren in the family.

MONROE DORTON, a prominent and well known business man of Washington township, is a native son of the Hoosier state, born in its county of Union March 30, 1852, and there his parents, Henry and Phebe (Rose) Dorton, also had their nativity, the father born on the 10th of September, 1826, and the mother November 8, 1829. They were married on the 28th of November, 1849, in Union county, and the mother is now living in Mathews, having long survived her husband, who died on the 4th of July, 1895.

The boyhood days of Monroe Dorton were spent at work on his father's farm, attending the district schools during the winter months, and soon after his marriage he purchased a livery business at Jonesboro, Grant county, Indiana. After about one year there he sold his business and removed to Dunkirk, this state, where he erected a barn and continued the livery business about two years. Again selling, he came to Washington township, Delaware county, and bought forty acres of land of David Hollis in section 16, which he farmed, and later purchased fifty acres where he now lives. In 1892 he erected on this homestead a fine farm residence, while in 1902 was built his modern and commodious barn. During his business career Mr. Dorton has been connected with various lines of trade, having spent nine years with the Deering Harvester Company in selling their machines through Indiana and Ohio, while during one year he was also associated with the International Harvester Company at Richmond and two years at Fort Wayne. During the years of 1875-6 he was engaged in the construction of gravel roads throughout Washington township.

Mr. Dorton married Samantha Dunn December 14, 1873. She is a native daughter of Washington township, born on the 31st of May, 1851, her parents being Thomas and Sarah (Reasoner) Dunn, natives respectively of Virginia and Ohio, the father born on the 25th of July, 1812, and the mother on the 26th of February, 1815. They were married in Blackford county, Indiana, July 19, 1838, and became the parents of nine children, the four now living being John C., who married Sarah Horner, deceased; Mary H., the wife of Esla Stephenson; Sarah Jane, the wife of Richard A. Watson; and Samantha, Mrs. Dorton.

Mr. Dunn came from Ohio to Indiana with his parents in 1826, when but eleven years of age. He was the son of John and Catherine (Knight) Dunn, early and honored pioneers of the Hoosier state. Soon after his marriage the son built him a log house in section 16, Washington township, where he had entered one hundred and sixty acres of timber land at the government office at Fort Wayne, while later on he entered forty acres more. During the early years of his business career Mr. Dunn worked at the carpenter's trade, and in 1864 he purchased of Mr. James Kisner a saw

and flouring mill at New Cumberland, Indiana, which he conducted up to the time of his death, although he was not himself a miller. He served as the township trustee for twelve years, and in 1865 he sold his farm to remove to New Cumberland, and there his busy and useful life was ended in death on the 15th of October, 1881, his wife surviving him just ten years, and dying on the 19th of July, 1891. He was a worthy and acceptable member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as a deacon during the long period of about thirty-five years. His political affiliations were with the Whigs until the dissolution of that party and the formation of the Republican in 1856, when he joined the ranks of the latter party. One son has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dorton, Charles C., who is engaged in farming in Douglas county, Missouri. He married Clara Richardson, and they have three daughters, Clara I., Mary A. and Beatrice. Mr. Dorton was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church from the age of sixteen years until 1896, but since that time he has held membership relations with the Presbyterian church.

**JAMES WESLEY McCARTY.** Throughout his entire business life James Wesley McCarty has been connected with journalistic work, and now as the editor and proprietor of the *New Gas Light* he holds an enviable position in journalistic circles throughout the county. The paper was named from the first gas well discovered in Indiana, located at Eaton, and was purchased by Mr. McCarty on the 10th of February, 1902. The journal has a large circulation and a splendid advertising patronage, and since coming under the supervision of Mr. McCarty it has more than doubled its patronage.

James W. McCarty was born in Boxley, Hamilton county, Indiana, May 22, 1871, but his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson McCarty, farming people, were born and reared in Brown county, Ohio. During his boyhood days their son attended the public schools of Boxley and graduated with the class of June, 1888. As soon as his education was completed he went to Sheridan, Indiana, and began work at the printer's trade, working as a journalist throughout the entire "gas belt," and, as above stated, he purchased the *New Gas Light* in 1902, and has since continued as its editor and proprietor. In June, 1907, he was elected the secretary of the Eighth District Editorial Association of Indiana, and he is also a member of the fraternal orders of Knights of Pythias and the Red Men. He takes an active part in the work of the order of Red Men, and is the past sachem of his lodge.

In Tipton, Indiana, September 10, 1892, Mr. McCarty married Miss Marinda Lawson, a daughter of Nathaniel Lawson, of near Gaston, Indiana. A daughter, Miss Myrtle Ruby, was born to them in Muncie on the 25th of June, 1894, and she is their only child. Mrs. McCarty was born near Kokomo, in Howard county, Indiana. The family are members of the Christian church.

**TAYLOR G. GIBSON.** A man who has made for himself a place in connection with the activities and honors of life, who has successfully sur-



**Mr. and Mrs. James W. McCarty and Daughter.**



mounted obstacles and who has gained recognition for intrinsic worth of character is Taylor G. Gibson, one of the leading agriculturists of Delaware county. He was born in its township of Monroe December 5, 1859, and is a representative of one of the county's earliest pioneer families. His grandfather, Robert Gibson, a native of the Carolinas, established his home in Monroe township, Delaware county, in a very early day, when this section of the state was a comparative wilderness. He built him a little cabin home, and there his son Taylor, the father of our subject, was born on the 16th of October, 1834, and there he spent his boyhood days. When he had reached the age of twenty-one years he engaged in farming for himself, following that occupation until his busy and useful life was ended in death, October 13, 1866. During the period of the Civil war he offered his services to his country and became a member of Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, enlisting at Muncie, and he was made the captain of his company. He was a prominent and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he also served as a minister of the gospel, being an efficient worker in the cause of Christianity. In the early days he supported the principles of the Whig party, and after the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks.

In Monroe township, Delaware county, on the 11th of September, 1852, Mr. Gibson married Miss Amanda Tuttle, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, April 18, 1835, and of their six children five are now living: Amelia E., who married Robert Williams and resides in Dayton, Ohio; Robert R., who married Jane Perry and lives in Muncie; Taylor G., whose name introduces this review; John W., who married Christena McFail and lives in Muncie; Thomas F., who is married and lives in Indianapolis. After the death of the husband and father Mrs. Gibson married James A. Stafford, who was born in Giles county, Virginia, October 28, 1846, and they became the parents of three children: Emery W., who married Jessie Hoover, and their home is in Hammond, Indiana; Samuel H., a resident of Dunkirk, this state; and Jennie F., the wife of William Rawson, of Shideler, Delaware county.

During his boyhood days Taylor G. Gibson, of this review, attended the public schools of Monroe township. His father died when he was a little lad of seven years, and for one year thereafter he made his home with Mr. George W. Himes, and from that time until he was twenty-two years of age his home was with William Tuttle. From the early age of sixteen years he worked as a farm hand, and there are few men who can more justly claim the proud American title of a self-made man than Taylor G. Gibson. In his twenty-second year he engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself, and farming has continued as his life work, and he has won success in the calling. In 1893 he erected a pleasant and commodious residence on his valuable estate, which is under an excellent state of cultivation, and in addition to his general agricultural pursuits he is also engaged in stock raising, feeding about one hundred head of hogs and about one carload of cattle each year.

The Republican party receives his active support and coöperation, and as its representative he has served in many local positions, including that of township trustee, of which he was the incumbent from the 6th of November, 1900, until the 1st of January, 1905, and in the following year was elected a member of the county council, in which he is now serving.

On the 22d of February, 1882, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Rosetta Gump, who was born in Union township, Delaware county, July 4, 1859, a daughter of David and Susan (Younce) Gump, the former of whom was born in Miami county, Ohio, December 25, 1833. The mother, who is now deceased, was a daughter of Andrew Younce, and of her four children two are now living—Rosetta, who became the wife of Mr. Gibson, and Sarah, the wife of Samuel Bassinger, of Union township. For his second wife Mr. Gump married Mrs. M. Younce, nee Shaffer, November 28, 1902. In the fall of 1835 Mr. Gump came with his parents to Delaware county, Indiana, where the father, Jacob Gump, entered government land in Union township, having been one of its earliest pioneers. His son David grew to years of maturity in this then frontier settlement, and he was identified with agricultural pursuits until in 1902, when he laid aside the active cares of a business life and removed to Eaton. During the long period of sixteen years he served as a supervisor, representing the Republican party, and he is a member of the German Baptist church. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson has been blessed with eight children, namely: Leora, born February 12, 1883, married Earl Horn, and they reside in Union township; Robert H., born July 9, 1885; Leroy C., born January 28, 1886; Edith L., born September 15, 1887, died September 8, 1888; Bertha M., born April 24, 1889; Warren R., September 5, 1893; Sarah I., August 8, 1896; and Martha A., July 20, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are members of the Christian church, in which he has served as a trustee and deacon, and in the advancement of whatever is for the best interest of the community his influence can be safely relied upon.

JOHN W. LONG. One of the families which have been prominent in the history of Delaware county from its early days is that now worthily represented by the subject of this review, Mr. John W. Long, one of the leading business men of Eaton. For many years they have occupied a distinctive place in the affairs of city and county, and in the glorious labor of transforming the county from a wilderness to its present high state of prosperity they have been active and zealous. Mr. Long was born on the old homestead, which now forms a part of the town of Eaton, April 19, 1846, a son of William Austin and Anna (McLaughlin) Long, who were married on the 28th of October, 1841, in Delaware county, Indiana. They were respectively of Scotch and Irish descent, and the father was born in Clinton county, Ohio, November 16, 1815, and died in Delaware county in 1883, while the mother was born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1823, and died at the age of forty-one years, in 1864. Seven children were born of this union, of whom five are

now living: Lucetta, who married Joseph Hinton and resides in Washington township, Delaware county; America D., the wife of William Cox, of Delaware county; Martha J., who became the wife of John Morris and resides in Eaton, Indiana; Mary L., the wife of John Pickseely, also of Eaton; and John W., whose name introduces this review.

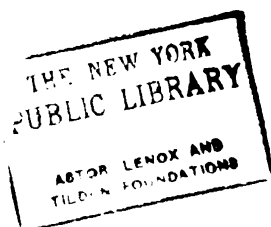
It was in April, 1837, that Mr. William A. Long became a citizen of Delaware county, Indiana, making the journey hither with ox teams and in company with his father, they establishing their home in the then wilderness of Union township. The land was covered with a dense growth of timber, it having been necessary to clear a space sufficient to erect their little log cabin, and in 1844 the elder Mr. Long built a frame barn, forty-six by fifty-two feet in dimensions, hewing the lumber from the logs, and this building yet stands in good repair. Some of the girders in this barn are twelve by sixteen inches. Mr. William A. Long purchased one of the first McCormick reapers brought into Delaware county, and he was always among the first to adopt the new improvements and further the movements and measures which placed this county on a par with those of the older east. His path was marked by good deeds, by honest purpose, by commendable industry and worthy motives, and his name is recorded with the honored and revered pioneers of Delaware county. During his later life he became identified with the mercantile interests of Eaton, forming a partnership with his nephew, Lemon Long, in the hardware and grocery trade, but he closed out the business in June, 1880, after the death of his partner. During the long period of forty-three years he was a worthy member of the Christian church, and in the early days he gave his political support to the Whig party, voting for William Henry Harrison in 1840. He was a prominent anti-slavery man and a supporter of the underground railroad. During many years he was numbered among the leading citizens of Union township, a social, genial gentleman, with whom it was a pleasure to meet and converse.

When twenty-one years of age Mr. John W. Long engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself, having previously assisted his father in clearing the timber from the old homestead and placing the fields under cultivation. He carried the chain used in the laying out of the town of Eaton, he being then a little lad of twelve years, and a part of this town was located on his father's first land purchase. In the spring of 1868 he made the journey by stage and rail to Omaha, thence up the Missouri river twenty-three hundred miles to Fort Benton, and from there drove a six-ox team to Helena, Montana. The country at that time was a wild and unbroken wilderness, and during the trip he saw many buffaloes and Indians, but no white men. During the summer of 1868 he worked in the gold mines of Helena, and at the close of the period made the return journey with ox teams to Fort Benton. While journeying down the river to Omaha he saw a drove of many hundreds of buffalo, which they shot for meat and left the hides. In this long and perilous journey Mr. Long

passed through about twenty states and territories, and witnessed much of the western life in the early days. He now owns a farm of two hundred and seven acres of land near Eaton, while his home place consists of twenty-five acres of the old homestead and located in the town of Eaton. His pleasant and commodious residence was built in 1886. He was one of the organizers of the Eaton Oil Company, and also of the Farmers State Bank, which opened its doors for business on the 26th of December, 1894. From the time of its organization until the 7th of January, 1898, he served as the first vice president of the institution, but since that time has been its president. He was elected a member of the Advisory Board of Delaware county in 1900, serving in that position for two terms.

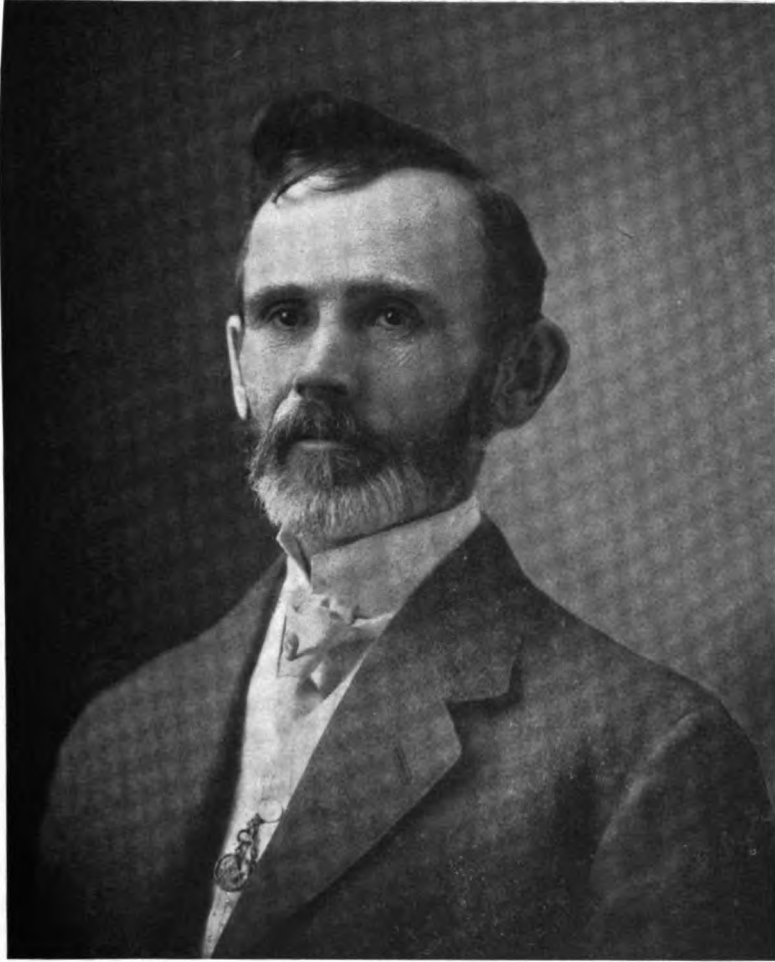
The marriage of Mr. Long was celebrated on the 13th of March, 1876, when Miss Rufina Smith became his wife. She was born in Iowa on the 20th of April, 1854, a daughter of Stephen A. and Susan (Martin) Smith, both natives of Ohio, and both died in Indiana when forty-five years of age. They were the parents of fourteen children, ten of whom are now living: John, Rufina, Mary A., Clark, Stephen, Martha, Louis, Lillie, William and Walter. The father, who was a life-long agriculturist, came to Delaware county during his early manhood and was married in Muncie. He afterward moved to Iowa and lived there for some years, returning thence to Delaware county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, and was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Three sons have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Long. The eldest, Austin, died at the age of eighteen years. Harry, born July 26, 1882, married Clara Davis, and they reside in Muncie, where he is a prominent and well-known attorney. The third son, Robert W., born October 28, 1884, attended the agricultural college of Perdue University at Lafayette, and is now conducting the farm. Mr. Long is a stalwart supporter of Republican principles, and is a member of the Christian church.

JAMES M. ATKINSON, M. D. Delaware county, Indiana, has its full quota of skilled physicians and surgeons, and among them may be noted the subject of this review, Dr. James M. Atkinson. He was born in Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, June 18, 1863, and traces his descent to the mother country of England, from whence his paternal great-grandfather emigrated to the United States to seek freedom and liberty, but for two years was held a prisoner in the New York bay on shipboard by the English government. He emigrated to this country prior to the Revolutionary war. His son and the grandfather of the Doctor, John Atkinson, was born in Virginia August 11, 1785, and died in Ohio on the 24th of June, 1865. It was in 1832 that he became a resident of the Buckeye state, establishing his home in Trumbull county, where he built a log cabin and cleared his land. He afterward removed to Henry county, that state, where a second time he cleared and improved a





*Indiaola B. Atkinson*



*James M. Dickinson M.D.*



farm, the patent for this land having been signed by President William Henry Harrison and is still retained by the Atkinson family. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, participating under General Harrison in the battle of Monroe or Fort Meigs, and in that engagement his brother lost his life.

James Atkinson, the father of the Doctor, was born in Virginia April 16, 1825, and when seven years of age accompanied his father on his removal to Ohio. The remainder of his life was spent in Trumbull county, from whence he passed to his reward on the 18th of March, 1877. His business career was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and for a number of years he served as superintendent of the Trumbull County Infirmary. He was a great Bible student and became a local minister in his church, laboring faithfully and earnestly in the cause of Christianity. In Warren, Ohio, on the 14th of March, 1861, he married Lucy A. Fox, who was born in that state on the 11th of February, 1836, and is now living in Youngstown, Ohio, with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred W. Baldwin, her time being divided with her daughter and two sons. She is a daughter of George Fox, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but in an early day removed with his parents to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Mary Defenbaugh, whose father was one of the first merchants in that county. Shortly after their marriage the young couple took up their abode in Trumbull county, Ohio, locating on the banks of the Mahoning river, where the country was then new and wild, Indians and game of all kinds being plentiful, but there were few white people in the community at that time. The subject of this review can well remember of his grandmother telling him of her life there, and of one story in particular when on a winter's day their big dog was barking on the ice on the river, and going to see why he was barking found he was guarding a large deer. Taking a butcher knife she went on the ice and killed the deer, which furnished the family with meat for some time. The last Indian which she saw in that section of the country was across the river, sitting on the bank lonely and sad, and she being alone in the cabin at the time had some fear for her safety, but he finally disappeared in the woods. She lived to the good old age of eighty-four years, and spent her last days on the old homestead. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson three are now living: James M., whose name introduces this review; Mildred W., who was born June 20, 1869, married Clayton L. Baldwin, and is living at Youngstown, Ohio, where he is serving as constable; and Terry Smith, born December 7, 1874, is agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Girard, Ohio.

Dr. James M. Atkinson pursued the literary course in the Grand River Institute at Austinburg, Ohio, and graduated on the 4th of June, 1885, and he later entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he completed the course with the class of 1893. On the 14th of September of the same year he came to Eaton, Indiana, and engaged

in the practice of medicine. Here he has gained an eminent place among the medical practitioners, and has been accorded a large and representative patronage. On the 1st of February, 1894, the Doctor was united in marriage to Indiaola Cross, who was born in Winslow, New Jersey, April 16, 1864, the daughter of Samuel R. and Annie M. (Kichenbauer) Cross. Her great-grandmother, Rebecca Lee, was a cousin of the celebrated General Robert E. Lee. Samuel R. Cross was born in Hammonton, New Jersey, December 2, 1839, and his death occurred in Muncie, Indiana, May 12, 1901, while the mother was born at Bates Mills, New Jersey, January 11, 1844, and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. R. P. Allaman, in Dayton, Ohio. They were married on the 14th of July, 1863, and became the parents of six children, of whom four are now living: Indiaola, the wife of Dr. Atkinson; Ardana, the wife of F. C. Runyon, of Glendive, Montana; Decla, the wife of R. P. Allaman, of Dayton, Ohio; and Herbert, who married Jaknia Racer and lives in Utica, Ohio. Mr. Cross, the father, remained on the farm with his parents until the time of his marriage, when he learned the glass cutter's trade and followed that occupation until four years of the time of his death. He was one of the village fathers of the borough of Cleveland, New York, where he lived for many years. In 1892 he came to Blackford county, Indiana, and in 1895 took up his abode in Muncie. His fraternal relations were with the Odd Fellows and the Masonic orders. He affiliated with Cleveland Lodge, No. 613, A. F. & A. M., but after his removal to Muncie he demitted from that lodge and became a member of Delaware Lodge, A. F. & A. M., receiving the honors of a Masonic burial at the time of his death. He was a staunch Republican in his political affiliations. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Indiaola, born April 24, 1895, and James M., Jr., born August 13, 1897.

Dr. Atkinson has membership relations with the following medical societies: the County, District, State and National, and he is also a charter member of Eaton Lodge, No. 606, A. F. & A. M. He joined the order at Hartford City and was demitted to the Eaton Lodge. He was one of the organizers of the Modern Woodmen of America in this city, of which he served as medical examiner, was also surgeon for the Indiana Union Traction lines, and has been medical examiner for a number of insurance companies. The Doctor is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a valued factor in church, fraternal, professional and business circles, while his upright life and genial temperament have gained him many friends.

THOMAS LEAIRD. Noteworthy for his good citizenship and many

Ephraim and Rebecca Leaird, having come from Ohio to Indiana at an early period of its statehood and here spent their remaining years, the grandmother dying February 9, 1855, in the fifty-fifth year of her age, and the grandfather on February 15, 1862, at the age of sixty-three years and five months.

William H. Leaird was born March 5, 1836, in Ohio, and died August 7, 1877, in Union township, this county, on the farm which he had cleared from the wilderness. A small boy when brought by his parents to Indiana, while growing to man's estate he was well trained in habits of industry, economy and thrift. Starting out in life for himself as an agriculturist, he bought one hundred and twenty acres of wild land lying in Union township and began its improvement. Bears, deer, wolves and other beasts of the forest roamed unmolested at the time he began the arduous task of constructing a home for himself and family. Ambitious, persevering and hard-working, he succeeded in his efforts, and was here employed in profitably tilling the soil until his death. He was a highly respected man, a Whig in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married, in Washington township, this county, Louisa M. Beuoy, who was born in the place August 19, 1836, and died on the home farm April 4, 1877. Of the five children born to them but two are living: Mattie, wife of Albert Dorton, and Thomas, of whom we write.

Being left fatherless when but six years old Thomas Leaird was taken into the home of Benoni Beuoy, with whom he remained until twenty-one years old. Taking affairs then into his own hands, he went to Wyoming, where he spent eighteen months on a cattle ranch. Returning to Washington township, this county, he lived there a few months, and then made another trip to the West, going to Colorado, where he lived eight months with his sister Lizzie. During the following year Mr. Leaird, who married on his return from Colorado, remained in Washington township. Taking possession then of the homestead farm on which he was born, he has since resided here, carrying on farming and stock raising after the most approved modern methods. His farm contains seventy acres of as good and productive land as can be found in the neighborhood, and under his wise care and management yields harvests of the grains and fruits common to this region. He is constantly adding to the value of his estate by improvements of a high character, in 1897 having put up a substantially built and comfortable house, this, with the other buildings, giving an air of thrift and prosperity of which any farmer might well be proud.

Mr. Leaird has been twice married. He married first, March 27, 1893, Mrs. Minnie Heath, nee Shaffer, who was born in Hamilton township, this county, in 1862, a daughter of Amos Shaffer. She died in early womanhood, January 15, 1897, leaving two children, Wave and Mattie. On May 30, 1898, Mr. Leaird married for his second wife Mary Cox, who was born in Howard county, Indiana, September 11, 1866, a daughter of Zimri and Cornelia (Jackson) Cox. A life-long resident of Indiana, Mr. Cox was

born August 10, 1818, in Hamilton county, and died August 23, 1869, in Howard county. He followed the trade of a blacksmith in his native county during his earlier life, but subsequently established a smithy in Howard county, and there spent his remaining days. He was a member of the Friends church, and was a Whig in politics until 1856, when he cast his presidential vote for the Republican candidate, John C. Fremont. Mr. Cox married, in Wayne county, Indiana, Cornelia Cox, who was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, August 16, 1828, and died in Delaware county, Indiana, May 6, 1895. She bore him five children, as follows: Laurinda, wife of L. Study; Ellen M., wife of Joseph M. Stafford, of whom a brief sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Charles; William B., deceased, married Belle Miller; and Mary, wife of Mr. Leaird. Mr. and Mrs. Leaird have a family of six bright and interesting children, namely: Esther, Margaret, William T., Helen, Dorothea N. and Maxine. Politically Mr. Leaird uniformly supports the principles of the Republican party, and religiously both he and Mrs. Leaird are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

DAVID BRANDT. Although the town of Eaton, Indiana, is but a small part of the county of Delaware, it has more than its portion of successful business men, and among these the gentleman for whom this sketch is written was well and favorably known. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 3, 1815, a son of David and Martha (Hamilton) Brandt, the former born in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1776, and the latter near Shippensburg, of the same state, July 27, 1775. The mother was called to the home beyond on the 17th of July, 1847, her husband surviving her about two years, and they became the parents of thirteen children: Adam, Barbara, Eve, Francis, Mary, John, George, David, Ruth, Samuel, Jacob, Martin and Isaac. During the early years of his life Mr. Brandt, the father, was connected with educational interests as a teacher, while at the same time he was engaged in the making of saddles and in farming, his interests being many and varied, and his name became well known in the professional and business circles of the community in which he made his home. When seventy-eight years of age he moved to DeKalb county, Indiana, and took charge of the postoffice there, continuing to attend to his official duties until within two weeks of the time of his death. He was a German Baptist in his religious belief and was very devout in his Christian duties. His declaration to his sons that he would leave them a legacy of an unblemished life was carried out, and his memory

David Brandt, Jr., was reared to manhood's estate in his native county of Fairfield, Ohio, and there he also learned and followed the shoemaker's trade until 1840. On the 17th of February of that year he left the Buckeye state and journeyed to Cass county, Indiana, where he was engaged in the manufacture of shoes until the 15th of May, 1842, coming thence to Delaware county and resuming his trade in Union township. In 1851 he took up his abode in the town of Eaton, with the commercial interests of which he was ever after prominently identified, and became one of its most prominent business men, owning a dry goods store and also dealing in boots and shoes. Mr. Brandt witnessed the growth of this section of the country from a wilderness to its present advanced state of civilization. At the time of his arrival here it was an almost unbroken forest, the site of his late place of business being then covered with brambles, and he would relate in a most interesting manner tales of those early times when all settlers stood upon the same social plane and good feeling and hospitality were universal. During his long residence here he witnessed many changes, some for the better, but others not so much so. He at one time owned four hundred acres of land, but sold all but eighty acres, which lies in Union township.

On the 22d of October, 1842, Mr. Brandt was married to Miss Jane Long, born in Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Woodruff) Long, natives of Kentucky and of Irish ancestry. The following children were born of this union: John, who enlisted in the Sixty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry September 20, 1863, for service in the Civil war, and died January 12, 1864, in Chattanooga Hospital No. 4; Robert, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this work; Martha, the wife of Daniel Endee, of Eaton; Alice, the widow of Mitchell Neff Wayman; Elmira, who married James Long and resides in Nebraska. Mrs. Brandt died April 15, 1861, and she was a worthy member of the Disciple church. On the 17th of April, 1862, Mr. Brandt married Mrs. Susan Sabin, who was born near Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, August 27, 1827, a daughter of Beniah and Sarah (Shafer) Eshenfelder, of German descent. Five children blessed their union: Louise, Willie, Viola, Chloe and Gertrude. For more than forty years Mr. and Mrs. Brandt were members of the Christian church, and he at last was the only one now left of the original organizers of the church in this locality and a member for sixty years. A Republican in his political affiliations, he voted for William Henry Harrison in 1836, and in 1892 for Benjamin Harrison. Fraternally he had membership relations with the Masonic order, and exemplified its beneficent principles in his every day life.

who established their home in the wilds of Delaware county in an early day. The father was born in the western part of Pennsylvania January 1, 1816, and in an early day located in Ohio, while later he came to Delaware county, Indiana, and established his home in section 19, Union township. In the dense wilderness he erected him a little log cabin, and with the passing years he performed his full share in transforming this region from a wild and frontier district to a fertile land of farms and villages, and to him also belongs the credit of assisting to cut the roads through the dense forests. He became the owner of four hundred and seventy acres of fine farming land, and during many years was numbered among the leading business men of the county, as well as one of its honored pioneers. His political affiliations were with the Whig party. In Union township Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to one of Delaware county's native daughters, Ruth Agnew, her birth occurring on the 17th of February, 1824, and they became the parents of the following children: Andrew and John, twins, born July 10, 1843, but the latter died in infancy, and Andrew died February 17, 1906; Caleb, born October 17, 1844, died March 29, 1905; Maria Jane, born March 20, 1846, married George Hedgland, and both are now deceased; and Mrs. McMahan. The wife and mother died in 1874, and Mr. Johnson afterward married Susan Miller, who is now living in Eaton, and they had one son, Charles L. Mr. Johnson was called to his final rest on the 14th of October, 1880, and thus ended the life of one of Delaware county's most honored pioneers and business men.

Mrs. McMahan was first married to Benton Thompson, September 19, 1875. He was born in Ohio in 1851, and after a life devoted to agricultural pursuits passed away in death on the 4th of March, 1884, a worthy member of the German Baptist church. On the 20th of September, 1888, she was united in marriage to Winfield W. McMahan, one of the county's prominent agriculturists and business men. He was born in Madison county, Indiana, June 23, 1853, a son of Joel McMahan, who for a number of years was a farmer and toll collector near Alexandria, Indiana. He gave to his son Winfield an excellent educational training and in time the latter became one of Delaware county's most prominent business men, while for four years he also served in the office of township assessor. He held fraternal relations with New Corner Lodge, No. 425, I. O. O. F., at Gaston, Indiana, and gave a stanch and unfaltering support to the principles of the Republican party. During a number of years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in its faith he passed away in death on the 19th of December, 1903. Throughout the period of his residence in this community he was ever true to the trusts reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature, and his reputation in business circles was unassailable. He commanded the respect of all by his upright life and engraved his name indelibly on the pages of Delaware county's history. To Mr. and Mrs. McMahan was born one son, Harry J., whose birth occurred on the 15th of March, 1894.

**HARRISON STRONG.** Among the leading citizens of Union township, Delaware county, is numbered Harrison Strong, a representative agriculturist. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, November 18, 1840, a son of George W. and Nancy (Hummer) Strong, respectively of Irish and German descent. When five years of age the father was taken from Vermont to Greene county, Ohio, where he grew to years of maturity and was married. During the long period of forty-four years he resided near Jamestown and at the close of that period, during the winter of 1844, he sold his farm and came to Blackford county, Indiana, where he purchased land and resided for twelve years. At the time of his arrival there the county was a comparative wilderness, and building him a little log cabin he began the arduous task of clearing his land from its dense growth of timber, having nearly succeeded in his task when he sold the farm and came to Union township, Delaware county, here purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land, which had been nearly cleared, and the old log barn which he built is still standing in a good state of preservation, the board shingles which he split out of blocks still covering it. On this farm he spent the remainder of his life and died on the 27th of April, 1863, when he had reached the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. Mrs. Nancy Strong, his wife, died on the 6th of September, 1864, at the age of sixty-one years, and they now lie buried in the Ashenfeller cemetery, where a beautiful monument stands sacred to their memory. He had a sister, Elizabeth, the wife of William Galbraith, living in Grant county.

Mr. George W. Strong was first married to Sarah Mindenhall and they became the parents of eight children: Martin, deceased; Theophilus, now deceased, was a farmer in Iowa; Moses, who was living in Ohio; Jefferson, who was a farmer in Iowa; Prudence, deceased; Susanna, the widow of Osborn Lamar and a resident of Madison county, Indiana; Martha, the widow of David Glass and a resident of Greene county, Ohio; and Benjamin, deceased. The wife and mother, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, died in the fall of 1835, and for his second wife Mr. Strong chose Nancy Hummer, by whom he had three children, two sons and a daughter: Elizabeth, deceased; Harrison, whose name introduces this review; and George W., also deceased. Mr. Strong, the father, was a worthy member of the Baptist church, and in early life gave his political support to the Whigs, but later became identified with the Democratic party.

Harrison Strong spent his boyhood days with his parents, attending school during the winter months and assisting his father with the work of the farm until his marriage, when he settled upon the old homestead of one hundred and twenty acres of partially cleared land. By hard work and rigid economy he succeeded in making it one of the valuable estates of Delaware county, adorned with a pleasant and commodious residence and many outbuildings, and everything about the place shows Mr. Strong to be an excellent farmer. He is also extensively engaged in the raising of stock, his specialty being Shorthorn cattle and high grade horses and

hogs. He was one of the organizers and is a stockholder in the Farmers' State Bank at Eaton, being also one of the directors in that institution. He has sunk four gas wells on his farm, which were in a prosperous condition, and in addition to his many other interests he is interested in gold mining in Colorado.

On the 25th of August, 1863, Mr. Strong was united in marriage to Naomi, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Haight) Ervin, who moved from Maryland to Pennsylvania, and after a short residence in the latter state, to Ohio. For a number of years that commonwealth continued as their home, and they then came to Union township, Delaware county, Indiana, where for about eight years they lived on one hundred and sixty acres of land. At the close of that period they removed to Blackford county, Indiana, there purchasing a farm of two hundred and eighty acres, and there they spent the remainder of their lives, the father passing to his final rest on the 11th of October, 1878, and the mother on the 14th of July, 1849. This honored old couple now sleep in Mt. Zion cemetery. They had four children, three sons and a daughter: Naomi, who became the wife of Mr. Strong; William L., a farmer of Blackford county, Indiana; Robert, deceased; and John B., also deceased. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Strong, namely: Mary A., the wife of William Michael, of Union township; Samuel W., who died at the age of twenty-seven years; William A., who married Stella Smith and resides in Union township; Nancy J., who died in 1872, aged three years; Emma E., who died at fourteen years of age in 1885; and Lizzie May, at home. Mr. Strong is a Prohibitionist in his political affiliations and he has served in many of the principal offices of his township, including those of deputy assessor for two terms, supervisor of roads, and as school director for a number of years. Mrs. Strong is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and although not a member, he is liberal in its support. They are estimable people who enjoy the warm regard of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

ALEXANDER DUNN. During many years Mr. Alexander Dunn was an honored and esteemed citizen of Delaware county. He was long and prominently identified with its agricultural interests and he commanded the respect of all by his upright life. He was born near Somerville, Somerset county, New Jersey, July 6, 1823, a son of Simeon and Margaret (Dunn) Dunn, in whose family were six children, four sons and two daughters. The father was a farmer and stock buyer in New Jersey.

Moving to Ohio, Mr. Alexander Dunn located in Hamilton township, Miami county, which continued as his home until 1863, in that year coming

then erected was burned, and in its place he erected a fine two-story dwelling of modern style and architecture, and there he spent the remainder of his life and died on the 13th of July, 1904, being laid to rest in the Union cemetery, Rev. G. W. Martin officiating. He became one of the most prominent farmers of Union township, and was also extensively engaged in stock raising. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party.

On the 19th of September, 1866, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Sabrina Williamson, who was born in Ohio July 30, 1831, a daughter of Peter and Rosanna (Shaffer) Williamson, the former a native of Scioto county, Ohio, and the latter of Germany. They became the parents of eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom five are now living: James, Adam, Sabrina, Stephen and Joseph. It was in 1835 that Mr. Williamson came to Indiana, locating three miles north of Muncie, the country at that time being on the borders of civilization. He erected a little log cabin home, which in time gave place to a hewed log house, and in after years he erected the large and pleasant residence in which the remainder of his life was spent, passing to his final reward when he had reached the age of sixty-eight years, while his wife was seventy-seven when called to the home beyond. Mr. Williamson was numbered among the early pioneers of Delaware county, and his name is honored and revered by all who knew him. He was a Jackson Democrat in his political affiliations. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn. The eldest, Delia, died when five years of age. Peter W., born April 19, 1868, married first Miss Mary E. Langdon, a native of Blackford county, Indiana, and afterward Mrs. S. Ray, nee Ervin, and they have one daughter and reside on a part of the old Dunn homestead. James was the third child in order of birth, while Francis S., the fourth and youngest child, was born January 26, 1875. He married Miss Ethel Horn, born December 23, 1881, and their two children are Mary and Marjory. Mr. Francis Dunn is farming the old homestead and his mother resides with him. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations. Mr. Dunn, the father, gave his two sons each a farm before his death. He was at all times a public-spirited and progressive citizen, who took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, and in his death Delaware county lost one of its most valued citizens.

ROBERT L. BRANDT. One of the leading citizens and influential business men of Eaton, Mr. Robert L. Brandt is now a member of the well known firm of Brandt & Armstrong, dealers in dry goods, groceries, notions, etc. He was born on his father's farm near Eaton, November 16, 1846, and in the community where he has so long lived and labored he is highly esteemed. He is a son of David and Jane (Long) Brandt, the former of whom was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 3, 1815, and his death occurred on the 28th of December, 1904, and a more complete review

of his life will be found elsewhere in this work. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. David Long only three are now living: Robert L., Martha J. and Mary Alice.

Mr. Robert L. Brandt received his educational training in the public schools of the community and in 1868 he went to Helena, Montana, while in the following spring he continued the journey to Hamilton, Nevada, traveling overland and remaining there about six months. At the close of the period he went to Treasury City, that state, which was then a wild mining camp, and he followed the varying fortunes of a miner both there and in Hamilton, witnessing the strange and varying scenes of the camp life, and during his mining experience he has seen lumber sell as high as five hundred dollars a thousand feet. In 1870 he returned to his old home in Eaton and began work for his father at a dollar a day, thus continuing until in January, 1876, when he purchased the business and became a member of the firm of Brandt, Carter & Company. In 1902 Mr. Armstrong purchased Mr. Carter's interest in the business, since which time transactions have been conducted under the firm name of Brandt & Armstrong, this being one of the leading dry goods houses in the city. In addition to this large commercial interest Mr. Brandt is also prominently connected and is the treasurer of the Eaton Mining & Gas Company. During a long period he has been accounted one of the leading citizens of Eaton, and in all this time has given his aid and influence to measures which have promoted the public good.

In January, 1882, Mr. Brandt married Miss Emma Van Buskirk, whose death occurred six years later, in 1888. On the 6th of July, 1904, he was united in marriage to Miss Chalista Simonton. Mr. Brandt gives his political support to the Republican party, while fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men, and his religious associations are with the Christian church. He commands the respect of his fellow citizens by his sterling worth, and Eaton numbers him among her honored sons.

HENRY HYER. Among the citizens of Eaton to whom is vouchsafed an honorable retirement from labor as the reward of a long, active and useful business career is Mr. Henry Hyer, who through an extended period was prominently connected with the agricultural interests of Delaware county. He traces his descent to the fatherland of Germany, from whence in 1786 three brothers, Jacob, Rufus and Abraham Hyer, emigrated to the United

county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life and died at the age of seventy-two years. His business career was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he also bought and shipped stock. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in his political affiliations, but voted for Lincoln and took an active part in the public affairs of his community, at one time serving as township supervisor and as school director. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his early manhood he married Elizabeth Straley, also a native of Ohio, and who died at the age of forty-six years. They became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom six are now living,—Henry, Mary, Susan, Martha, Harvey and John.

Henry Hyer, whose name introduces this review, was born in Ross county, Ohio, November 10, 1837, and he remained at home until in April, 1861, when he enlisted at Chillicothe, Ohio, in Company C, Twenty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months' service. In going from that city to western Virginia he was in a wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, receiving injuries which detained him in the hospital for some time, and he thereafter did detached duty until the expiration of his term of enlistment. After his discharge from the army he returned home, and after his marriage embarked in the lumber business in Highland county, Ohio, but in 1865 he removed from there to Missouri and engaged in farming near Warrensburg in Johnson county. After the death of his wife he came to Delaware county, purchasing one hundred and six acres of low land in Washington township, which was covered with a heavy growth of timber and one-half of the land was under water. At the time of his arrival in this county Mr. Hyer's cash capital consisted of but fifty cents. This was in the year of 1873, and after building his frame residence he began the arduous task of clearing his land and placing it under cultivation. With the passing years it became a valuable and well improved tract, and he sold the farm for a hundred and three dollars an acre. He owns other land at the present time, but in 1903 he removed to Eaton and laid aside the active cares of a business life, enjoying the rest which he has so truly earned.

On the 19th of August, 1862, Mr. Hyer married Elizabeth E. Winegar, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, August 27, 1839, and her death occurred on the 8th of December, 1872. She was a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Johnson) Winegar, both natives of North Carolina. During his boyhood days the father removed with his parents to Virginia, but a few years afterward they took up their abode in Highland county, Ohio. In 1866 Mr. Winegar removed with his wife to Marion county, Iowa, and after farming there for ten years he located on a farm in Nebraska, and his death occurred there just a few days after his arrival. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyer three are living: Lizzie, who married J. S. McWilliams, and is a resident of Johnson county, Wyoming; Charles H., who also makes his home in the same locality; and Maud E., the wife

of George Hoover, of Eaton. In 1881 Mr. Hyer wedded Mrs. Mary E. Harding, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 8, 1850, the daughter of Jesse and Mary (Ferron) Moore, who also claimed Muskingum county as the place of their nativity. The mother died when her daughter Mary was but a babe, and her father was called to the home beyond in 1889, after many years devoted to agricultural pursuits. Two children were born of this union, Harvey C. and Pearl, the daughter the wife of Roy Morris, of Eaton. Mr. Hyer has two children living in Wyoming, whom he visits every two or three years, and he also has ten grandchildren. He has membership relations with the Grand Army of the Republic of Gaston, with Lodge No. 606, A. F. & A. M., in Eaton, and with Wheeland Lodge, No. 325, I. O. O. F. He is unwavering in the support of Republican principles, and in all the walks of life he is found true to duty and the trusts reposed in him.

ABRAHAM C. YOUNG was born in Darke county, Ohio, July 17, 1854, and received his educational training in the public schools of Darke and Miami counties of his native state. He is a son of David and Mary (Minnich) Young, the former of whom was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and died in August, 1906, at the age of seventy-eight years, and the latter was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and died in 1862. They were married in Darke county, Ohio, and became the parents of six children, of whom four are now living: Abraham C., Nancy, Isaac M. and Henry M. Mr. Young, the father, learned the shoemaker's trade, but he was principally engaged as a stone mason and farmer. Coming to Union township, Delaware county, Indiana, he engaged in farming and also in the manufacture of sorghum molasses for about fifteen years, while for a number of years he was also identified with the poultry business, buying and selling. He was a worthy member of the German Baptist church, and in politics was a Republican, but took no active part in public affairs. He was at all times highly esteemed for his true nobility of character.

Abraham C. Young lived at home only until eight years of age, when he went to the home of his uncle, Christian Landis, with whom he remained for seven years. At that early age he engaged in farming by the month in Ohio, continuing to work for others until 1877, when he engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself in Darke county, Ohio. He maintained his home in that county until 1893, and in 1887 he bought a farm near Lightsville, which he continued to own and cultivate until his removal to Union township, Delaware county, Indiana, in 1893. At that time he sold his land and bought a farm here, but this he also later sold and purchased his present homestead in section 26, Union township. During about seven years he also conducted a threshing machine and saw mill in Indiana.

both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. The father, who followed agricultural pursuits as a life occupation, moved to Montgomery county, Ohio, and there spent his remaining days. Mr. Young married secondly Mrs. William Pulley, nee Melissa C. Frank, who was born in Wabash county, Indiana, May 9, 1858; the daughter of Daniel R. and Sophia (Emerick) Frank, the father born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1820, and died November 13, 1899, in Wabash county, Indiana, and the mother born in Darke county, Ohio, June 20, 1830, and died October 20, 1898. Thirteen children were born to this couple, all of whom grew to years of maturity, and eight are now living, four sons and four daughters: Sarah A., Eliza J., Lovina C., Melissa, George M., John F., Norah W. and William S. Mr. Frank, a farmer, came to Indiana, in October, 1853, and located in Wabash county, where he spent the remainder of his life. In addition to his agricultural pursuits, he also taught school during the winter months in Ohio and Indiana. He was a member of the German Baptist church, in which he was elected to the ministry in Indiana. His political support was given to the Republican party. Mrs. Young was first married to William L. Pulley, August 9, 1883. He was born in Grant county, Indiana, and was identified with agricultural pursuits, while for many years he also served as a minister of the German Baptist church. He voted with the Prohibition party. Mr. and Mrs. Pulley were the parents of three children: Walter A., Cora E. and Harry. The first-born, Walter A., died at the age of twelve years and five months, in Darke county, Ohio, and there the husband and father also passed away in death, January 4, 1897.

In 1884 Mr. Young was made a deacon in the German Baptist church, and four years later, in 1888, he was called to its ministry, having ever since continued as a faithful servant in that high and noble calling. In 1901 he was advanced to the office of elder, and during the past years has served as a bishop, in charge of the Mississinewa congregation. He has been a delegate to many national church conferences, and attended the conference held in Los Angeles, California, in May, 1907. At that time he and his wife made an extended tour, being absent from home two months, and visited among other places San Francisco; parts of Arizona; Portland, Oregon; Seattle and Spokane, Washington; Berthold, Carrington, North Dakota; and Grundy Center, Iowa. Mr. Young voted with the Republicans until he transferred his political relations to the Prohibition party, being an active worker in its ranks.

**WILLIAM HENRY PROPS.** The history of northern Delaware county, throughout the Mississinewa valley, can be thoroughly told in the lives of a few pioneer families whose several generations have lived there since the days of first settlement. The annals of the Props family, one of whose prominent representatives at this time is John Cooper Props, of Eaton, involve many well-known names and important historical facts in the history of

Eaton and vicinity, and this family sketch will serve to supplement the general statements made in the history of that locality.

John Props, the founder of the family in Delaware county, belongs to the group of Virginia settlers mentioned elsewhere in this history. Born May 13, 1808, in Rockbridge county, near the Natural Bridge, of German descent, he became a blacksmith, and during his young manhood was employed in the arsenal at Harper's Ferry. On coming to Indiana he did work for the contractors who were building the Wabash canal. At Pendleton, Madison county, marriage linked him with another pioneer family, when he took as wife Eliza Janes, on June 12, 1838. She was born in Logan county, Ohio, October 26, 1820, and died on her birthday in 1846. Her father, Zachariah Janes, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and a pioneer of Madison county, Indiana, settling near Pendleton while the Indians were there and building a log cabin with a dirt floor, he lived there until the latter fifties, when he moved to near Lexington, Missouri, and died there in 1867. By his wife, Nancy (George), who was born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1796, and died in Madison county in 1834, he had the following children: Mrs. John Props, Mrs. Nancy Davis, Mrs. Mary Ann Hardman, Sarah Cravens, Mrs. Lucinda Maull and Mrs. Susanna Miller. Mr. and Mrs. John Props had the following children: John A., William Henry, James Madison and Lemuel Theodore. All these sons were soldiers in the Civil war, and John A. died in the service. John Props, it is said, built the first blacksmith shop at Marion, in Grant county. He died in 1859.

William Henry Props, late of Delaware county, son of John Props, was born at Marion, June 18, 1841, and losing his mother at the age of five, he was first cared for in the home of Burtney Ruley, and when seven years old went to live with Joel W. Long, who cared for him as his own child until he had grown to manhood.

This is a proper place to mention the career of the family represented by Joel W. Long, so intimately related to William H. Props by ties of affection, if not by blood. Robert Long, the founder of the family in Delaware county, and father of Joel W. Long, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, of Scotch descent. In 1836 he brought his family to Delaware county and settled a short distance east of Eaton, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres entered by William Shearon several years before. A round-log house was their first home, later a two-story hewed-log house, and in 1852 a brick house took the place of the pioneer dwellings, this last house having been occupied by William H. Props and family at the time of his death. When Robert Long settled on Easley creek, which flows by the

helped organize the Christian church at Eaton. It was organized in his residence in 1839. His son Joel W. accompanied the family to Delaware county, and later lived in Grant county, returning to the old homestead in 1850. It is said that Joel W. Long possessed the best virtues of the typical pioneer citizen, mingling hospitality and kindness with a certain ruggedness and determination that caused undeviating pursuit of a line of action undertaken for sake of principle. Thus he was an ardent abolitionist, and the old homestead has added historical interest as having been a station on the "underground railroad," where he often sheltered slaves bound for Canada and freedom. Robert and William A. Long and Aaron Mote were for some time the only free-soil voters in Union township. Joel W. Long married Rachel Wilson, thus introducing another well-known pioneer name in Delaware county history. Her father, Amos Wilson, was a Revolutionary soldier, and is said to have been the first white settler on the site of Marion, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Long, having no children of their own, bestowed parental care and affection on several orphaned children, and were repaid by the love and reverence since shown them by those who were thus benefited.

In the home of Joel W. Long, William H. Props grew to manhood, attending a log cabin school on the corner of the home farm, and later was a pupil in a school located where the town of Eaton now stands. August 5, 1862, when a little past his majority, he enlisted at Muncie in Company B, Sixty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service. He participated in his first battle at Richmond, Kentucky, August 30, the same year, and was shot through the right lung. He was reported as dead by his captain and comrades, but had in fact been carried off the field by the nephews of James Yates, a slaveholder of the neighborhood, who disappeared on the approach of the Union army, and some negroes, and was carefully cared for in a negro cabin near by until he was able to return home, where he came as a joyful surprise to his friends, who had mourned him as dead, and were even then arranging a memorial service. He was honorably discharged from the army on account of disability, November 25, 1862.

He soon resumed the activities of civil life, and for many years was engaged in farming and stock raising. He was a successful man in business, and deserves recognition as one of the intelligent farmers who were leaders in the agricultural development of this county. His fine farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres near Eaton is still considered one of the most valuable properties in Union township. In politics he was an early Republican, and his early interest in politics recalls the incident that when he was only fifteen he and two other boy companions, John and Robert L. Brandt, cut, hauled and assisted in raising the first Republican flag-pole in Union township, this being in the first Republican campaign, when Fremont was candidate for president. He supported Lincoln and Grant by his early votes, then turned Greenbacker, voting for Peter Cooper and

Weaver, became identified with the later organization of the People's party, and finally became a firm supporter of William J. Bryan. He was also active in G. A. R. matters, being a charter member of John Brandt Post at Eaton, which was named to commemorate the services of his old comrade John Brandt, who died from the results of wounds received at Chickamauga. Mr. Props had three brothers who also served in the war.

William H. Props married, September 7, 1865, Sarah Lewis, who was born May 26, 1845, in Niles township, a daughter of John and Mary (Babb) Lewis, her father being a pioneer of that township and one of those who entered land there. Mr. and Mrs. Props had the following children: Mrs. Mary McFee, deceased; Rachel Louella, who married, first, Reuben Estep, and second, George Pickerill; Joel W., who died June 21, 1905, aged thirty-six, leaving one son, Emil W., a bright and promising student; George Robert, who died at the age of nineteen; John Cooper (see below); Nettie B., who married George Silers. William H. Props, after a life of well-spent activity, honorable in business, respected and esteemed by family and friends, passed away in death June 8, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Props were both members of the Eaton Christian church, and lived a daily Christian life. They were charitable to a fault and many were the poor who were made happy by their gifts and acts of kindness. Mrs. Props died July 3, 1902.

J. Cooper Props, a son of this honored Delaware county resident, was born in Union township, March 20, 1877, and received an excellent education in the schools of Eaton and in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, after which he taught in the schools of Union township for five years. For a time he was also identified with newspaper work as a member of the staff of the Star Publishing Company, publishers of the *Muncie Star*, but in 1904 became interested in the real estate and insurance business at Eaton, where he has become one of the progressive business men.

Mr. Props married, April 9, 1902, Miss Beatrice McKeever, born in Grant county, Indiana, February 14, 1876, a daughter of Albert and Elmyra (Dunn) McKeever, the former a resident of Jonesboro, this state, where he is a carpenter, while the mother died some years ago, leaving two children, Zelman R. and Beatrice. Beatrice was reared and tenderly cared for by her uncle, Oliver P. Dunn. Mr. and Mrs. Props have one child, Isabelle, born September 15, 1903.

**WILLIAM FREEMAN.** A gentleman of courteous and agreeable manners, of good intelligence and memory, William Freeman is a highly esteemed and respected citizen of Eaton, this county, and for many years was actively identified with its public affairs. A native of this county, he was born in

Delaware county, Indiana, January 5, 1864. In 1835, accompanied by his little family, he started for Indiana, then considered the emigrant's Eldorado, a large part of the way following the trail marked by blazed trees. He located on Jake's creek, Delaware county, entered one hundred and ninety-four acres of government land, and ere long the ringing blows of his axe were heard as he felled the mighty giants of the hitherto unbroken forest to make a space on which he might erect the humble log cabin of the pioneer. He succeeded well in his efforts, and on the homestead which he cleared spent the remainder of his laborious life in general farming. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On December 26, 1822, near Portsmouth, Scioto county, Ohio, Mr. Isaac Freeman married Jemima Moore, who was born on Blue creek, Adams county, Ohio, February 21, 1801, and died in Selma, in this county, February 15, 1871. Eight children were born to them, four of whom survive, namely: John; Mary Jane, wife of Andrew Hoover; Elizabeth H., wife of Dennie Lewis, of Iowa; and William, the subject of this sketch, who was the seventh child in succession of birth, and the second son.

William Freeman received excellent educational advantages for his times, and on the completion of his school life taught in the Gerard school, in Hamilton township, for a while. He subsequently learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, being actively identified with the building interests of this part of the county. He took a leading part in public matters, and for nine years was assessor of Union township. In 1887 Mr. Freeman was commissioned as postmaster at Eaton, and in 1892 was again appointed to the same office, serving four and one-half years longer. He also served as township trustee part of one term, in each capacity performing the duties of his office with ability and fidelity. He is a strong Prohibitionist in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On September 26, 1860, Mr. Freeman was married, by Rev. Benjamin Smith, to Nancy Catherine Munsey, who was born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 8, 1837, a daughter of Skidmore Munsey. A native of Virginia, Mr. Munsey was born January 9, 1802, and died, in Hamilton township, this county, August 14, 1887. Reared in humble circumstances in his Virginian home, he early sought to improve his finances in a newer country, and when a young man migrated to Ohio, where he was employed in tilling the soil a number of years. In 1851, desirous of still further broadening his opportunities, Mr. Munsey came to Indiana, took up land in Hamilton township, cleared a farm from the wilderness, but sold his land and died in Jay county, Indiana. He was quite prominent in the management of local affairs, being a Jacksonian Democrat, and served as justice of the peace several terms, and also as postmaster at Parker. He was a consistent Christian and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Munsey married, first, Maria Williams, who was born and bred in Virginia. She

died in Ohio, when but thirty-three years old, in 1839. She bore him six children, four of whom are living, namely: Jane, wife of David H. Jesse; Jeremiah; Margaret, wife of William Collins; and Nancy Catherine, wife of Mr. Freeman. With a love for Virginia maidens strong in his heart, Mr. Munsey returned to his native state some time after the death of his first wife, and there married for his second wife Rebecca Ewing, by whom he had six children, three of whom survive, namely: Samuel, David O. and Emma. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman three children have been born, namely: Laura Bell, born August 24, 1862, died August 19, 1865; Charles S., born October 21, 1868, resides in Eaton; and Dottie Dell, born July 19, 1873, is the wife of Cyrus O. Mitchell, who was born in Frankfort, Indiana, and is now engaged in teaching school.

ALFRED LESLIE MURRAY, M. D. Conspicuous among the successful professional men of the town of Eaton, Delaware county, Indiana, was Dr. A. L. Murray, and in his death the community lost one of its most prominent and useful citizens. He was born in Henry county, Indiana, February 25, 1845, a son of James and Catherine (Taylor) Murray, the former born in Pennsylvania July 19, 1813, and the latter in Indiana on the 31st of March, 1817. James and Catherine Murray were married in Wayne county, Indiana, November 19, 1835, and immediately thereafter located in Henry county and engaged in farming. During the winter seasons Mr. Murray was also engaged in school teaching, continuing the profession for several years after his marriage. In 1880 he sold his farm and built a home in Blountsville, Henry county, Indiana, there residing until his busy and useful life was ended in death in September, 1895, but his widow still resides there with her son, F. W. Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Murray were numbered among the early pioneers of that county, he having bought his first forty acres of land in 1838, and during his farming life he accumulated some two hundred acres, becoming a very prosperous and successful business man. In 1855 he was stricken with paralysis and from that time until his death was not able to do much in any active line. In early life he was a Whig, but later joined the Republican party, and public affairs, particularly temperance and educational matters, interested him greatly, and he was always regarded as a man of intelligence and high moral character. Mr. and Mrs. Murray reared the following children: F. W., who is engaged in farming in Henry county; S. T., a physician of Greentown, Howard county, Indiana; Mary A., deceased; Alfred L., the subject of this review; Helen, Viretta and Alice, deceased; and Laura, the wife of R. H. Johnson, of Hamilton township, Delaware county, Indiana.

Dr. A. L. Murray was reared on the home farm and received the advantages afforded in the common schools, remaining with his parents

direction of Dr. John A. Windle, of Blountsville. He continued his reading with him for eighteen months and completed his preparatory course with Dr. D. N. Kendall, of the same place, while subsequently he passed one term in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. He began his practice at Economy, Wayne county, in 1867, at which place he remained one year, returning thence to Blountsville, where he practiced his profession until 1873. In that year he located in Granville, Delaware county, Indiana, and in 1884 came to Eaton, where he continued in active practice until failing health in 1892 caused him to retire from practice, but in 1889 he engaged in the drug business with J. M. Motsenbocker.

Near Blountsville, Delaware county, Indiana, December 24, 1870, Dr. Murray married Miss Viretta Jordan, of Delaware county, where she was born on the 30th of January, 1849, a daughter of William A. and America (Davidson) Jordan, of Irish and English descent, and both natives of Indiana. The father now resides near Blountsville, where he was well and prominently known as an agriculturist, but since 1897 he has lived retired. He is a Republican in his political affiliations and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Jordan died at the age of forty-one years, in 1872. In their family were twelve children, nine of whom are now living: Viretta, F. M., Mary C., Josephine, Seward W., John R., Carrie, William and Volney. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Murray: Bertha, the wife of C. K. Van Buskirk; Goldie and Cora, deceased. The Republican party received the Doctor's active support and coöperation, and he took an active interest in the public affairs of Delaware county, which numbered him among her representative citizens. Straight-forward in all his business dealings, loyal to his duties of citizenship, he commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow men, and by his death the community lost one of its valued citizens. He was accidentally killed on the 7th of June, 1906. He had been visiting his farm just south of Shideler and on returning started to walk down the tracks of the Hartford City Traction Company, but he was overtaken by a car and killed. Few men were so well or so favorably known in the county as was Dr. Murray, and for many years he was one of the foremost physicians in this section of the state.

HENRY WITAMYER. For many years Mr. Henry Witamyer has been an honored resident of Delaware county, Indiana. His probity, fidelity and sterling worth have won him the unqualified confidence of his fellow citizens, and now in the evening of his life his pathway is brightened by the veneration and respect which ever follow an upright career. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 14, 1833, a son of John and Elizabeth (Beachley) Witamyer, both of whom had their nativity in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The father's death occurred in Richland county, Ohio, at the remarkable age of nearly one hundred and one years, and the mother was eighty-one when called to the home beyond. They became

the parents of twelve children, eleven of whom are yet living, namely: Emanuel, Abraham, Mary, Henry, Harriett, Sarah, Isaac, Amanda, Eliza Jane, Rodema and Mahala. Mr. Witamyer, the father, was numbered among the honored pioneer residents of Richland county, Ohio, where he took up his abode in a very early day, and there spent the remainder of his life. He was a well known agriculturist, a Jackson Democrat in his political affiliations, and a member of the Baptist church.

In November, 1851, Henry Witamyer, whose name introduces this review, came to Indiana and located in Wabash county. He was a carpenter by trade, and he continued his residence in that county until in September, 1857, when he removed to Union township, Delaware county, and purchased him a home with ten acres west of Eaton and resumed the work of his trade. Not long afterward, however, he sold that place and moved to Hamilton township, where he purchased a farm and lived for some time, going thence to Muncie and entering the contracting and building business. He was thus employed for four or five years and during that time erected the city mills and many other large and important buildings. Purchasing him a farm near Shideler, he remained there until 1872, when he sold and bought a farm in Union township, near Eaton, but in July, 1896, he again sold and purchased another place near Eaton, which he now rents. In October, 1906, he purchased a home in Eaton, and in February, 1907, took up his abode therein, where he is now living in quiet retirement, enjoying the comforts and luxuries which his former years of labor have brought him.

On the 7th of September, 1857, in Wabash county, Indiana, Mr. Witamyer was married to Miss Nancy Younce, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, July 28, 1838, the daughter of Joseph and Amy (Fife) Younce, the former of whom died in Indiana at the age of sixty-six years, and the latter in 1838, when her daughter Nancy was but a babe. They had become the parents of five children, but only two are now living—Margaret and Nancy. For his second wife Mr. Younce chose Mrs. Lydia Thayer, and of their three children two are living—Joseph and Minerva. Mr. Younce came to Indiana in 1857, locating in Union township, Delaware county, where he became a well known farmer and there spent the remainder of his life. His political views were in accordance with the Whig principles, and he was a member of the German Baptist church. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Witamyer, but only three survive: William E., who married Ella Lucas; Ada L., the wife of Frank Wood; and Rella L., who became the wife of Ross Thompson. They also have seven

honorable one, and by reason of his well spent life he enjoys the high regard of his fellow citizens.

JOHN E. SMITH. This well known agriculturist and honored citizen of Delaware county has throughout his active business life been prominently identified with the farming interests of this community. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, January 28, 1869, a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Rairigh) Smith, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania April 18, 1832, and the latter in Bradford, Ohio. They were married in Covington, Miami county, Ohio, and their union was blessed by the birth of one son, John E., whose name introduces this review. The father followed blacksmithing as an occupation until 1869, when he became identified with agricultural pursuits, and in 1875 he located two miles southwest of Covington, Ohio, which continued as his home until 1885. It was in that year that he came to Delaware county, Indiana, establishing his home in Union township, where he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his life, passing to the home beyond on the 21st of April, 1903. His wife preceded him in death, passing away November 15, 1899, at the age of fifty-nine years. He gave his political support to the Republican party, and was a member of the German Baptist church.

The boyhood days of John E. Smith were spent on his father's farm, where he assisted in its work during the summer months and attended school in the winters. After his marriage he began farming for himself on the one hundred and thirty-six acres which form his present estate, and on which in 1903 he erected a pleasant and commodious residence, while three years later, in 1906, he doubled the size of his barn, making it one of the largest and best structures of its kind in the community. His land is fertile and under an excellent state of cultivation, and is adorned with many substantial and valuable improvements, all of which stand as monuments to his industry and ability.

The marriage of Mr. Smith was celebrated on the 13th of September, 1890, when Mattie Sala became his wife. She was born in Henry county, Indiana, October 4, 1868, the daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Good) Sala, the father a native of Miami county, Ohio, and the mother of Henry county, Indiana. She was born on the 5th of December, 1840, and is now living in Hartford City, Indiana. The father spent his early life as a farmer's son in Ohio and finally became a minister of the German Baptist church. When a young man he came to Randolph county, Indiana, and during his life he labored in many churches, his death occurring in Blackford county, Indiana, on the 8th of July, 1895, when he had reached the sixty-second milestone on life's journey. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sala five are now living, namely: William, who married Mrs. Sarah Underwood and is living in Wells county, Indiana; Mattie, who became the wife of Mr. Smith; Montana, the wife of Ananias Hinecker, of Grant county, this state; John B., who married Maggie Sherrette, and

also resides in Wells county; and Maggie, the wife of Charles Studebaker, who is living near Keystone, Indiana. Mr. Sala gave his political support to the Republican party. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Freadus, Lois, Ruth, Eunice, Dorothy and Dalton. Mr. Smith upholds the principles of the Republican party, and he and his wife are valued members of the German Baptist church in Union twonship. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one of the old clocks, which is almost a century old and belonged to Mr. Smith's grandfather, Jacob Rairigh. Mr. Smith's father was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-second Pennsylvania Militia, and he was a corporal when discharged. Mr. Smith has an old tent, mess spoon, fork and knife he used in camp.

ALBERT W. EVANS is a well known agriculturist of Delaware county, whose skill and ability in his chosen calling are plainly manifest in the well tilled fields and splendid appearance of his place. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, January 20, 1869, a son of John and Sarah (Rice) Evans. The father, a native of Ohio, was identified with the educational and farming interests of that state until his removal to Indiana in 1864, where he conducted a store in Hendricks county. He returned to his Ohio home in 1870, but came again to Hendricks county, Indiana, where he was engaged in teaching school until 1880, and in the fall of 1881 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Delaware county, spending the remainder of his life here and dying in 1901, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Evans passed away in death at the early age of twenty-five years, after becoming the mother of three children: Lydia, who died at the age of six years; Albert W., the subject of this review; and the youngest child died in infancy.

When nineteen years of age Mr. Albert W. Evans entered the profession of teaching, being a member of the faculty of the normal school of Eaton for two years, where he taught mathematics, and during one year he taught in Union township. Soon after his marriage he began farming on the old homestead, and in 1894 he purchased a part of the old DeLong farm, while in 1900 he became the owner of a tract of eighty acres on the north of the homestead, and at the present time he is farming about four hundred acres of rich and fertile land. He is also one of the leading men in Delaware county in breeding Poland-China hogs, of which he has a sale once a year, and he also breeds Plymouth Rock chickens, of which he is one of the largest breeders in the county. In 1892 he erected the elegant and commodious residence in which he now resides, and his

was born in Union township March 9, 1874, the daughter of Joseph G. and Mary A. (Karn) DeLong. The father spent his entire business career as a farmer, and his busy and useful life was ended in death at the age of forty years. He was a native son of Union township and was a member of the German Baptist church. Mrs. DeLong is still living and a resident of this township. In their family were two children, Harriet and Birdie, but the last named died in infancy. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Gladys Columbia, whose birth occurred on the 22d of June, 1902. Mr. Evans gives his political support to the Republican party, and he is a worthy and leading member of the Maple Grove Brethren church, in which he is serving as secretary.

HENRY SMITH has been identified with the agricultural interests of Delaware county during a long period, and while promoting the material welfare of the community he has also given an active and liberal support to those measures which tend to advance its intellectual and moral status. He is of German descent, for his paternal grandfather, Henry Smith, was born in the fatherland, from whence on a sailing vessel he emigrated to the United States and took up his abode in North Carolina. He lived there but a short time, however, and then removed to Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer, and he was numbered among the honored pioneers of that commonwealth. He also had the distinction of serving as a minute man during the Revolutionary war. His son and the father of our subject, David Smith, was born in Miami county, Ohio, April 11, 1811, and in 1842 he came to Delaware county, Indiana, and purchased eighty acres of timber land in section 8, Union township. This locality at that time was a wilderness, and he cut the timber and built him a log house, later performing the arduous labor of clearing his land from its growth of timber, while in 1860 his little log cabin gave place to a modern and commodious residence. At the time of his arrival here there were no roads in the county, only the Indian trails, and he assisted in cutting the road through to his farm, and was numbered among the honored early pioneers of Delaware county.

In his early life Mr. Smith married Catherine Roderick, who was born on the 17th of May, 1814, a daughter of John Roderick, who was born in Maryland of German ancestry. When quite young he removed to Virginia, and a short time afterward to Pennsylvania, from whence he journeyed to Ohio. Spending a short time in that state, he came to Indiana in 1846 and established his home in Union township, Delaware county, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, but only two are now living. Jonathan, the eldest child, lies buried in Union cemetery, while Nancy, Elizabeth and Sarah J. sleep beside their parents in the Roderick cemetery, and John and an infant child were buried in Miami county, Ohio. Mary A., the widow of John R. Lambert, resides in section 10, Union

township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith spent the remainder of their lives in Union township, Delaware county, Indiana, where the father died on the 27th of March, 1874, and the mother on the 23d of November, 1904, and both lie buried in the Roderick burying ground on the old Roderick homestead in Union township, on the banks of the Mississinewa river. The father was a Jackson Democrat in his political affiliations, and was a member of the German Baptist or Dunkard church.

Henry Smith, their fifth child in order of birth, was born in Miami county, Ohio, December 3, 1839, but his educational training was received in Delaware county, Indiana, where during his boyhood days he also worked on the old home farm, working in the fields during the summer months and attending school during the winters. In 1863, by stage and rail, he made the journey to St. Joseph, Missouri, from where he started on the overland trip to Central City, Colorado, thirty-six days being spent en route, and there he was engaged in mining for about six weeks. Returning to Denver, he secured an outfit and spent forty-seven days in an overland journey to Virginia City, Idaho, which was a very rich mining country at that time, and there he spent the following three years. At the close of that period Mr. Smith resumed the overland journey to Fort Benton, down the Missouri river about twenty-three hundred miles to St. Joseph, Missouri, which consumed a period of three weeks, and thence by rail to his old home in Delaware county. Purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of timber land in Union township, he erected a little log cabin and began the hard and laborious work of clearing his land, while in 1881 his little cabin home was succeeded by a pleasant and commodious dwelling, and this valuable homestead is now known as Shadyside Farm. With the passing years Mr. Smith has added to his land until he now owns over four hundred acres, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation, and he is extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising, dealing principally in Oxford sheep and the standard bred cattle and horses. He was also one of the organizers of the Farmers' State Bank at Eaton, in which he is a director and also a stockholder.

The marriage of Mr. Smith was celebrated on the 22d of April, 1869, when Miss Lucinda Hedrick became his wife. She was born in Madison county, Indiana, November 24, 1850, the daughter of Daniel and Annie (Thomas) Hedrick, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Miami county, Ohio. The father was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Maryland until his removal to Madison county, Indiana, in the '40s,

married Minnie Pierce and resides in Union township; Dora, the wife of Roland Landis, also of Union township; Stella, the wife of William A. Strong, an agriculturist of this township; and Carlton, at home. Mr. Smith is independent in his political affiliations, reserving his right to vote for the men whom he regards as best qualified for public positions, and during one term he served as the township trustee. His life has been spent principally in Delaware county, and he is well known among its residents and is held in uniform regard.

ALFRED MILLER, one of the pioneer agriculturists of Delaware county, has long been recognized as one of her best and leading citizens, while his straightforward, manly course through life may well serve as an example to the young. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, January 16, 1820, a son of James and Sarah (Shery) Miller, the former of whom was born near Lexington, Kentucky, and the latter in Brown county, Ohio. In a very early day Mr. James Miller located in Ohio, and in 1819 he removed to Ripley county, Indiana, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of timber land and built a little log cabin in the wilderness. Later this rude structure gave place to a hewed log house and barn, but after a time he left that place and came to Delaware county, where he purchased eighty acres of John W. Studebaker in Union township, cleared the land of its dense growth of timber and spent the remainder of his life there, dying at the age of seventy-three years. His wife was eighty years of age when she was summoned to the home beyond. They were married in Brown county, Ohio, and became the parents of nine children, of whom only three are now living: Alfred, whose name introduces this review; Mary Ann, the widow of William Brinson, and a resident of Switzerland county, Indiana; and Sarah, the widow of John Rarick, and a resident of Union township.

Mr. Alfred Miller was but a little babe two months old at the time of his parents' removal to Ripley county, Indiana, and during his young manhood he worked in Kentucky, near Rising Sun, cutting cordwood, which he hauled to the river and loaded on his flat boats preparatory to selling to the steamers running up and down the river. He thus continued until 1838, when he purchased of David Chery forty acres of land in Union township, Delaware county, paying one hundred dollars for the timber tract. Building a little log cabin, he brought his bride to the new home, but after clearing fourteen acres of the land he traded with Robert Buckels for eighty acres of timber land. The little log cabin which he there built was in time replaced by a groat house, which continued as his residence until he erected the house in which he now lives. He is the oldest resident of the township, both in point of years and length of residence, and during a long period he has served as its trustee. He has also settled as many as twenty-six estates, has been guardian for forty-three children, and the largest bond he has ever given was for forty thousand

dollars. In the early days he cast his ballot in favor of Whig principles and since the formation of the Republican party he has been a member of its ranks, taking a prominent and active part in the public affairs of his community.

On the 9th of April, 1839, Mr. Miller married Sophronia Yates, a native of Miami county, Ohio, and a daughter of Jonathan and Polly (Frazy) Yates, in whose family were six daughters and one son. Of the nine children born to this union five are now living: Becky, Mary E., John, who is living in Michigan; Jonathan, a resident of Muncie, and Joseph, who makes his home in Dakota. After the death of the wife and mother Mr. Miller married Mrs. George W. Jacobs, the wedding having been celebrated April 10, 1877. She was born March 2, 1842, at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, but was reared in Allegany county, Maryland. She bore the maiden name of Annie Wilhelm, and was first married to George W. Jacobs at Grafton, West Virginia. He was born at Morgantown, that state, was engaged in railroad work, and his death occurred at Muncie. Of the seven children born to them six are now living: Idonia, May, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Myrtle, Frank and Oteretta. Mr. Jacobs served for four years in the Civil war, enlisting on the 7th of August, 1861, in the First Regiment, West Virginia Light Artillery, and was discharged on the 14th of September, 1864. Mrs. Miller saw the body of John Brown after it had been hung at Harper's Ferry, and also saw his colored troops pass through Newburg, West Virginia. Mr. Jacobs gave his political support to the Republican party, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Miller has given a staunch and unfaltering support to the Republican party, and prior to its formation he was identified with the Whigs. He has crossed the Missouri river fourteen times into Nebraska, has never used tobacco, or whisky as a drink, and during his long and useful career he has been identified with many of the interests that have contributed to the substantial development and improvement of Delaware county. His probity, fidelity and sterling worth have won him the unqualified confidence of his fellow citizens, and now in the evening of life his pathway is brightened by the respect and veneration which ever follow an upright career.

**LIBERTY GINN.** Since he came to Delaware county over seventy-five years ago Mr. Liberty Ginn has been a witness of very important changes in this vicinity, and his reminiscences of the early days here are most interesting and entertaining to a listener. He was born in Morgan county,

six weeks on the ocean and experiencing a stormy passage. Landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he purchased a small farm near Pittsburg, that state, but after seven years he sold the place and removed to Morgan county, Ohio. There he also purchased a farm and spent six years engaged in agricultural pursuits, on the expiration of which period, in 1830, he again sold and came to Indiana, locating in what is now Union township, Delaware county, although at that time that particular division had not been organized and the county was a comparative wilderness. He was obliged to clear a space from the dense timber to erect his little log cabin, which in time gave place to a more modern and commodious residence, and there he spent the remainder of his life and died at the age of fifty-seven years on the 29th of October, 1841. His wife survived to the age of seventy-one years, also dying in Union township. Mr. Ginn gave his political support to the Whig party, and he was also a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Liberty Ginn, whose name introduces this review, was a little lad of seven years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Delaware county, where he attended the district schools during the winter months and in the summers assisted his father in clearing the farm and placing it under cultivation. At that time the Indians still roamed at will over this section of the state, as did also the deer, and many a one he has killed during his boyhood days. When he had reached the age of seventeen years he engaged in farming for himself, but he continued to care for his widowed mother until she joined her husband in the home beyond. He is now the owner of eight hundred and fifty-four acres of land, six hundred and seventy of which lie in Union township and the remainder in Washington township, and in addition to his general agricultural pursuits he was also extensively engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs. Mr. Ginn and Mr. Jesse Nixon were the first to deal in stock in this section of the state, they having begun in 1874 to buy and ship cattle and hogs, and continued the business during the long period of twenty-two years. In 1904 Mr. Ginn rented his farm and has since been living in quiet retirement, this having been made necessary by an accident which he received from a runaway horse in Eaton.

In January, 1845, Mr. Ginn was united in marriage to Martha Ann Martin, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, and they became the parents of five children, but only two are now living—Susan and Mary. Mrs. Ginn was the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Wilson) Martin, both natives of Pennsylvania, and in their family were nine children. From Ohio the father came to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1829, securing government land in Niles township, and he was numbered among the early pioneers of the community. He first erected a little log cabin and at once began the arduous task of clearing and cultivating his farm, continuing his labors there as an agriculturist until his busy and useful life was ended in death. He was a member of the Baptist church, and was a Whig

in his political views. On the 14th of July, 1862, at the age of thirty-five years, three months and one day, Mrs. Ginn was called to the home beyond, and for his second wife Mr. Ginn chose Sarah Long, their wedding having been celebrated in 1884. Two children blessed their union, Dollie and William, and Mr. Ginn also has two grandchildren. He upholds the principles of the Republican party, and for eight years he served as a justice of the peace, while for a similar period he was also county commissioner, he having been first appointed to that office for one year and was then elected for two terms. He is a man of genial temperament and genuine worth, and is respected and esteemed in all circles.

**WILLIAM CROW.** Among the best citizens of Delaware county, esteemed alike for his sterling worth of character and his activity in the business world, is Mr. William Crow, a worthy representative of one of its earliest pioneer families. In a very early day in its history the family home was established in Noble county, Ohio, Michael Crow, the grandfather of the subject of this review, having been but three weeks old when they settled there. When he was a little lad of four or five years he was left alone in a deserted cabin in the depths of a dark forest while his two brothers with a company of men were in search of savage Indians who had murdered a man near their home. At night the little fellow would raise a puncheon of the floor, wrap himself in a blanket, and creeping under, manage to replace the puncheon. He thus felt secure from the wolves, and if the Indians found his hiding place he could crawl out and run away. During the day he would go to a moss-covered rock and quietly lie there watching for friends or foe. One of the most terrible murders ever perpetrated in that vicinity occurred in this family. Four of Michael Crow's sisters, Elizabeth, Susanna, Christina and Katherine, from ten to sixteen years of age, set out for pleasure, intending to visit the family of a friend. While amusing themselves looking at the beauties of nature, a heartless man by the name of Spicer, whom the Indians had captured and raised, and two hideous savages emerged from behind a large flat rock, which still stands some fifty feet from the banks of Wheeling creek. They led the captives hurriedly up the hillside a distance of six hundred yards to a secluded ravine. After making inquiries in regard to the location of the settlement, one of the Indians took a hand of each of two of the girls in one of his and with uplifted tomahawk prepared to deal the death blow. Christina, the youngest, had formed a resolution to make a break for liberty at the first opportunity. Suddenly she gave a jerk and releasing herself from his grasp ran down the hillside. The Indian pursued, and when in reach he struck her with the muzzle of his gun. Thinking he had disabled her, he returned to aid in the bloody work. Looking back, Christina saw the Indian's retreating form, and speeding away with marvelous speed escaped to tell the awful story. The next morning a company repaired to the place of death. There lay two of the girls, literally butchered, but the third sister,

Katherine, was not there. Traced by stains of blood, she was soon found near the creek, where she had crept for water. Reviving somewhat, she related what she remembered of the terrible affair, and after three days of terrible agony the gentle spirit took its flight. A grave was prepared and lined with puncheons, and in this rude casket the three sisters were laid side by side. When John, another child and favorite son, had been cruelly murdered by the red men, the home of Jacob Crow, the father of Michael, was truly a house of mourning.

William Crow, whose name introduces this review, was born in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, near Wheeling, October 25, 1841, a son of John and Nancy (Johnson) Crow, the former a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, born January 15, 1813, and the latter of Guernsey county, Ohio, born January 31, 1817. They were married in the latter county on the 1st of September, 1836, and became the parents of ten children, four of whom are now living: William, of this review; Mary A., the widow of W. C. Braddock, of Muncie; John, a resident of California; and Jane, the wife of Frederick Wilhelm, of Grant county, Indiana. The father came to Delaware county the year following his marriage, in 1837, purchasing of Mr. Johnson one hundred and sixty acres of wild timber land near Wheeling, while later he bought a tract of four hundred and eighty acres and still later a tract of eighty acres. Delaware county at the time of his arrival was a wilderness, and he was numbered among its earliest and most honored pioneers. Building a little log cabin on his land, it continued as the family home for a number of years, finally giving place to a large and attractive frame residence. Game was plentiful in those early days, and the wolves proved very troublesome by killing their smaller stock. Mr. Crow subsequently purchased a farm near Cumberland, where he spent the remainder of his life and died on the 19th of July, 1891, his wife having preceded him in death, for she passed away on the 9th of December, 1887. They had the privilege of celebrating their fiftieth anniversary with their children, friends and neighbors. She united with the Presbyterian church at the age of twenty years and lived a consistent Christian life for a half century. Her home was ever a place of family and secret prayer, a place where the minister of the Gospel was always welcome, and her suffering at the last, though protracted and severe, was endured with patience and resignation to the Master's will. Mr. Crow united with the Presbyterian church when quite young, and was one of the organizers of the church of his denomination in Elizabethtown, under the pastorate of Rev. Robert Irvin. He gave his political support to the Whig party.

During his boyhood days William Crow assisted his father in clearing the home farm and placing it under cultivation, and in the early days here he shot many a wild turkey. On the 11th of August, 1862, he enlisted at Muncie for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company B, Eighty-fourth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Going to Richmond, Indiana, they drilled for some time, and then went to Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr.

Crow was with his regiment in all its battles and skirmishes except that of Chickamauga, when he was ill. He participated in the following engagements: Buzzard's Roost, Tunnel Hill, Rocky Face Ridge, Dalton, Resaca, Kingston, Pumpkinvine creek, Pine mountain, Kenesaw mountain, Neal Dow church, Peach Tree creek, in front of Atlanta, Sholes creek, Lovejoy Station, Franklin and Nashville. Thus with a long, arduous and faithful military record he was discharged from the service on the 25th of June, 1865, at Camp Harker, Nashville, Tennessee. Returning thence to his home in Union township, Delaware county, he started to make him a home in the wilderness, first building a log cabin and clearing the timber from the land. With the passing years his fields were placed under an excellent state of cultivation, and in 1897 he erected a pleasant and commodious residence, where he is now living retired from the active work of the farm, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He is a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank at Eaton, Indiana, and on his farm is a gas well which furnishes fuel and light for his home.

On the 25th of January, 1868, Mr. Crow was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Beath, who was born in Blackford county, Indiana, January 25, 1846, a daughter of John and Annie (Christian) Beath, early pioneers of Delaware county. Five children were born to bless this union, of whom three are now living, George M., Harris L. and Carrie C. In 1869 Mrs. Crow united with the Presbyterian church of New Cumberland, and led a most humble, earnest and sincere Christian life to the time of her death, which occurred on the 8th of July, 1876. She was a most exemplary neighbor, indulgent mother, loving and devoted wife, striving to fulfill all her duties to the best of her ability. Her funeral services were conducted in the beautiful grove in the front of her residence. It was an impressive sight to witness those funeral ceremonies in a beautiful grove not more than fifty yards from the door of her home, under the same trees where she had sat and held sweet communion with her husband in her bridal days, and where at subsequent periods she had witnessed with a mother's fondness her little ones at play. It was in this grove where her husband and children, friends and neighbors, took their last look and bid their last farewell to her, who was beloved by all who knew her. Mr. Crow married Mrs. Martha Carmon, nee Geyer, April 4, 1877. She was born in Union township, Delaware county, September 8, 1851, the daughter of Abel and Sarah (Flummer) Geyer, early settlers of this locality. They departed this life when their daughter Martha was married. Mr. Crow is a stanch Republican in his political affiliations, and he is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has given his aid in many ways to the upbuilding and

through many years he has been an important factor in its financial interests. His birth occurred in Toune, Switzerland, January 20, 1861, a son of Abraham and Anna (Streit) Baur. They were born and married in that country, and became the parents of seven sons and two daughters, of whom Emil was the fifth child in order of birth. Mr. Baur, the father, was engaged in business in the city of Berne, Switzerland, and he also graduated in law from the University of Berne. Coming to this country in 1872, he located in Toledo, Ohio, where his death occurred at the age of fifty-four years, and there his widow yet resides.

Mr. Emil Baur was twelve years of age when with his parents he left his native land of Switzerland for the United States, and the educational training, which he had there begun, was completed in the city of Toledo. He there also became interested in the manufacture of window glass, and in 1891 he removed to Dunkirk, Indiana, where he became secretary and treasurer of the Gem Window Glass Company, and continued his residence in that city for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to Eaton, Delaware county, and took charge of the Eaton Window Glass Company, the business of which at that time had become greatly depreciated, but under his successful management it soon rose to its former high standard, and he continued in charge for about three years. In company with Joel Hamilton, Mr. Baur then organized the Eaton Manufacturing Company, taking in the old Fort Manufacturing Company, and later Mr. Baur purchased his partner's interest and continued the business alone under the name of the Baur Window Glass Factory, for about eight years, in the meantime organizing the Standard Wash Board Company, the business of which had formerly been operated by the McCormick Brothers as a stock company. Mr. Baur became president and treasurer of the organization, and furnished the means with which to build up the business. He erected a thirty-blower furnace and tank house, the latter having been purchased from ex-Governor Foster of Ohio, and moved from Fostoria, that state, to Eaton, and this was one of the very few houses of its kind in this country at that time. Mr. Baur is also interested in the hardware business in Toledo, Ohio, and has an interest in a glass plant at Morgantown, West Virginia. His energetic nature, strong determination, sagacity and capable management have won him a leading place in the industrial interests of Delaware county, and his business methods have ever been in strict conformity with the ethics of commercial life. His political views are in accordance with the principles of the Republican party, and he has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias.

PETER R. SHAFFER. Wheeling, Indiana, numbers Mr. Peter R. Shaffer among its well-known and honored residents. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, October 15, 1832, and in that county his father, John Shaffer, also had his nativity, born on the same farm as his son, and there he spent the remainder of his life and died in 1890. He was a son of one of the early pioneers of Miami county, Samuel Shaffer, who was born in Berks county,

Pennsylvania, of German parentage, and moved to Miami county, Ohio, at a very early day in the commonwealth's history. He burned the brick and gave them to the German Lutheran congregation for the erection of their church, and he also gave two acres of his land for church and burial purposes. He was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres, and he lived during the days of the log cabin epoch.

During a very early day his son, John Shaffer, came with others to Indiana and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land ten miles north of Bluffton, but he later returned to Ohio, and there spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1890. He was a prominent man in Miami county, holding many of its leading offices, and was a member of the German Reformed church. He affiliated politically with the Whigs until the dissolution of the party in 1856, and afterward voted with the Republicans. Mrs. Shaffer bore the maiden name of Nancy Reed, and was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and in Miami county of that state she died in 1884. To this union were born four sons and two daughters, namely: Peter R., of this review; David, who married Sallie Swain and is living on the old homestead in Miami county; Isaac, who married Kate Kniseley and also resides in Miami county; Martha, the widow of Aaron Kniseley, and a resident of Ohio; and two who are deceased.

Peter R. Shaffer came to Indiana soon after the war, in 1866, first purchasing land in Washington township, Delaware county, but later located in Wheeling and began working at his trades of blacksmithing, carpentering and wagon-making, having thus continued up to the present time. He is a natural mechanic, and has achieved success in his various callings.

On the 12th of June, 1859, Mr. Shaffer was united in marriage to Miss Angeline McFadden, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 1, 1834, and died on the 16th of July, 1907. She was the daughter of Samuel and Maria (Hatcher) McFadden. The mother died at the age of twenty-four years, but the father lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was born in Pennsylvania, but in an early day located in Miami county, Ohio, where he became quite a large landholder, having cleared one hundred and sixty acres of timber land. During the early '30s he came to Grant county, Indiana, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of timber land, but later returned to Ohio and ended his days in that commonwealth. He was a member of the German Reformed church. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer only three are now living: Florence, the wife of Charles Coton; Elmer, who married Annie Shaffer and resides near Shideler; and Arthur R., who married Rena Hoppins. He also has eleven

where he is well known as a merchant. He was born in Henry county, Indiana, February 20, 1859, and is of Pennsylvania German descent. His father, William W. Hoover, was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1835, and was reared as a farmer's son. Coming to Indiana in an early day, he located in Washington township, Delaware county, where he purchased eighty acres of timber land, and his name is enrolled among the honored early pioneers of this community. Building him a little log house, he took up his abode therein and began the arduous task of clearing his land and placing it under cultivation, but gradually his well directed efforts were attended with success. Later on he returned to Ohio and Pennsylvania, but again making his way to Washington township, he was married on the 3d of June, 1858, in Hagerstown, Henry county, Indiana, to Catherine Hoover, who was also born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1834, and they became the parents of six children: Miles L., the subject of this review; Estella, the widow of David Hoover; George W., who married Maud E. Hyer; Alvin B., who married Margaret Barrett; Alta M., the wife of Denton Tomlinson; and Benton, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hoover came to Indiana with her parents when but six years of age, and with her husband she now lives in Matthews, Indiana, they having retired from their farm in 1904. For one term Mr. Hoover served as the assessor of his township. He is one of the most prominent members of the Odd Fellows fraternity in the state of Indiana, affiliating with Lodge No. 325, Wheeling Encampment No. 125, Wheeling, Indiana, and is a past noble grand of his order. He also holds membership relations with the Grand Lodge of Indiana and with the Grand Encampment of the state. During the long period of twenty-five years he has been enrolled as an Odd Fellow, and he now wears a veteran's jewel. Mr. Hoover is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of the Progressive German Baptist church and of the Republican party.

Miles L. Hoover received his educational training in the public schools of Delaware county, in the Lebanon, Ohio, National Normal University, and in the Danville Central Normal College of Danville, Indiana. He remained at home with his father until eighteen years of age, when he began teaching school in Jefferson township, Grant county, Indiana, entering upon the profession in the fall of 1877, and for three years he also taught in Washington township, Delaware county. In 1881 he began teaching in New Cumberland, now known as Matthews, and after serving as principal there for three years he came to Wheeling in the spring of 1884 and entered the employ of J. H. Carter, with whom he remained for one year. For about four years thereafter he was associated with his former employer in business, and with his brother George he then bought Mr. Carter's interest, the firm being known as Hoover Brothers until 1893, when Mr. Hoover of this review purchased his brother's interest and has since been alone in business. In 1885 he received his commission as postmaster of Wheeling, and he has ever since filled this important office with the exception of four years during

President Cleveland's first administration. During a number of years he was also a member of the Republican Central Committee, he being a staunch supporter of the principles of that party. In fraternal relations he too has attained distinction in the ranks of the Odd Fellows order, affiliating with the Wheeling Lodge and Encampment, and is also a member of the Grand Encampment of Indiana. He holds membership relations also with Sioux Tribe of the order of Red Men in Gaston.

Mr. Hoover married Melissa Richards August 24, 1882. She was born at Palo, Iowa, October 31, 1858, and died on the 18th of February, 1893. She was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah A. (Lewis) Richards, who were born in Ohio but came to Indiana in an early day in its history. They only lived here for a short time, however, and then removed to Linn county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Two children were born of this union, Mabel E. and Dan W. The daughter is a stenographer in Valparaiso, Indiana, and the son is employed as a clerk in the treasurer's office in Muncie. Mr. Hoover married secondly, March 27, 1894, Miss Carrie A. Miller, who was born in Gilman, Indiana, March 27, 1871, the daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Milhollin) Miller. The father, who was born in Virginia, died in 1883, when forty-four years of age, and the mother born in Grant county, Iowa, died in 1880, aged forty-one years, both passing away in Gilman, Indiana. Of their four children two are now living: Carrie, the wife of Mr. Hoover, and Edward, who married Ida Lewis, and is living in Delaware county, Indiana, near Stockport. Mr. Miller came to Indiana with his parents during his childhood days, and he spent the remainder of his life in Madison county, engaged in agricultural pursuits. At the time of his death he was the owner of three hundred acres of rich and fertile land, and was one of the prominent and successful business men of the county, honored and revered by all who knew him. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations.

GEORGE W. NIXON, one of the boys in blue during the Civil war, has for many years been a prominent agriculturist of Delaware county. He was born in its township of Washington June 16, 1843, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Husher) Nixon, the former born in Virginia April 25, 1786, and died September 12, 1849, while the latter was born in Ohio July 30, 1799, and died September 15, 1848. They were married in Ohio, and became the parents of five sons: Benjamin, who was born on the 23d of September, 1823, and died in 1879; Jesse, born March 1, 1825, died October 9, 1894; John, born April 25, 1828, died September 15, 1894; Samuel, born July 19, 1831, died in 1854; and George W., whose name introduces this review. It was at a very early day in its history that Mr. Samuel Nixon, the father,

space from the dense timber to build his little log cabin, and it was in this primitive structure that the son George was born in 1843. In time this rude structure gave place to a modern residence, and later Mr. Nixon secured eighty acres of land in Grant county, Indiana, where he kept a tavern for many years, and spent the remainder of his life there. His political support was given to the Whig party.

George W. Nixon spent the days of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, and on the 1st of August, 1863, he answered the call to arms and enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Volunteer Regiment, for six months' service, his discharge taking place on the 1st of March, 1864, at Indianapolis. On the 25th of October, following, he entered the service for one year or during the war in the Twenty-fifth Indiana Battery, Light Artillery, from which he was discharged on the 20th of July, 1865. During his military career he was in all the skirmishes and battles in which his battery participated, principally in Kentucky and Tennessee, and included Walker's Ford and Nashville. At the latter engagement, on the 14th of December, 1864, in Thomas' division, he was under fire for twenty-one days, during which time the harness was never off the horses or the knapsacks off the men. They went into camp at Huntsville, Alabama, on January 6, 1865, and did detached duty until their discharge.

With an honorable military record Mr. Nixon returned to his home on the 26th of April, 1866, but a short time afterward went to Atchison, Kansas, where he secured an outfit and crossed the plains, seventy-two days having been spent on the road, and his destination was Virginia City, Montana, where he was engaged in mining until the spring of 1867. Going thence to Salmon City, Idaho, he later returned to Deer Lodge, Montana, from whence he went to Cable City, that state, where he spent the winter of 1868. From that time until the following September he was engaged in mining about seven miles from Butte City, going at the close of that period to Oregon, where he spent the winter of 1868-9. In 1870 he went overland to Portland, that state, where he took ship for British Columbia, and arriving at the mouth of the Fraser river, went to New Westminster in the spring of 1871, thence up the river one hundred and fifty miles to the Cariboo country, where he was engaged in farming during the summer of 1872. In 1877 Mr. Nixon was on the head waters of the Nation river, from whence he returned in the spring of 1878 to the Cariboo country, and in the following spring bought a pack train and went overland along the Fraser river one hundred and fifty miles to Deuse lake, British Columbia, wintering at Steamboat Landing. In the spring of 1881 he began mining in the Deuse lake country, but in 1882 came down into Alaska, there remaining until in September, 1884, when he left for home and arrived here on the 29th of October, following. From that time forward Mr. Nixon has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Delaware county, farming for a time with his brother Jesse, but since the latter's death he has been alone in the business.

On the 23d of December, 1886, Mr. Nixon was united in marriage to

Miss Mary E. Keller, who was born in Union township, Delaware county, Indiana, July 21, 1854, the daughter of Phillip and Sarah (Smith) Keller, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Ireland, born February 8, 1822, but both died in Wheeling township, Delaware county, the father on the 9th of June, 1871, and the mother on the 20th of March, 1899. They were married in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and became the parents of ten children, of whom six are now living: Julia, Mary, William, Jesse, Emma and Bell. The father came from his German home to the United States on a sailing vessel, and locating in Union township, Delaware county, in 1849, spent the remainder of his life there as a farmer. He was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a Whig in his political affiliations. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nixon: Frank Wade, Ada M. and Jesse E. Mr. Nixon gives his political support to the Republican party, and he holds pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the blue by his membership in Grand Army Post No. 565.

JOHN W. MCCREERY. Numbered among the native sons of Harrison township, Delaware county, is John W. McCreery, who was born on the 25th of June, 1862, to Thomas and Catherine (Brown) McCreery. When he had reached the age of nineteen years he began farming for himself on eighty acres of timber land which his father had given him, and with the passing years he cleared and improved his place and in 1889 built thereon a residence. This was destroyed by fire on the 5th of March, 1904, and he then erected his present residence, the finest home in Harrison township. He is now the owner of an estate of two hundred and thirty-five acres, his land being as rich and well improved as any in the township, and there he is extensively engaged in the breeding of high grade cattle, hogs and horses in addition to his general farming.

On the 20th of November, 1880, Mr. McCreery was united in marriage to Martha A. Woodring, who was born in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, December 22, 1861, a daughter of Ezra and Lydia (Miller) Woodring, both of whom were born in Ohio, the father on the 7th of September, 1831, and the mother on the 21st of May, 1831. During his childhood days Ezra Woodring came with his parents to Delaware county, and the remainder of his life was spent within its borders. He followed both farming and carpentering, and was an important factor in the early days in the erecting of the homes of this community. He saw the country transformed from a wilderness to its present high state of cultivation, and assisted

Rocky Ford, Dalton, Resaca, Kingston, Pumpkin Vine creek, Pine mountain, Kenesaw mountain and many skirmishes. He aided in the hanging of two spies in the army. He gave his political support to the Republican party, and was a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. Mrs. Woodring died on the 27th of November, 1882. They were married April 14, 1853, near Gaston, Indiana, and had eight children, six now living, namely: Mary S., the wife of William W. Brown, of Muncie; John C., who married Emma Jackson; Martha A., the wife of Mr. McCreery; Nettie, the wife of L. H. LaRue; Delpha Jane, the wife of Vincent Janney; and Levi, who married Artie Maynard. Mr. Woodring was a second time married, April 11, 1883, Hattie E. Heavenridge becoming his wife, and their three children are all living, as is also Mrs. Woodring, who resides in Muncie.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCreery: Clayton I., who married Osie Chalfant; Harry D., Fay N., Thomas H., Docia, Margaret, Watt and Hugh P. Mr. McCreery has membership relations with New Corner Lodge, No. 425, I. O. O. F., serving as vice grand at the present time. He votes with the Republican party.

**CHARLES W. RECTOR.** The Rector family is one of the old and historic ones of Delaware county, well represented here since the early days of its history, and one of its prominent representatives in Harrison township is Charles W. Rector, who was born in the township of Perry September 9, 1847, a son of Arthur and Mary (Cary) Rector. He was a student in the first school house erected in Perry township, later attending a special school in Selma, and as a boy he worked on the farm with his father. On attaining the age of nineteen years he began teaching school, continuing in the profession for twelve years, and soon after his marriage he began farming for himself on forty acres of land, going in debt for the property, which in time he cleared from its dense growth of timber, and in the log house which stood upon the land he and his young wife continued their residence until they erected their present commodious dwelling in 1886. He has added to his landed possessions from time to time and in addition to his general farming has been extensively engaged in the stock business, for a number of years being associated with W. L. Milhollin. They were the largest stock dealers in this section of the state, buying and shipping to the Buffalo, New York and Cleveland, Ohio, markets.

The marriage of Mr. Rector was celebrated on the 4th of April, 1872, Miss Elizabeth Hedrick becoming his wife. She was born in Liberty township, Delaware county, Indiana, December 23, 1852, the daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Richey) Hedrick. Cyrus Hedrick was born in Pendleton county, Virginia, January 26, 1820, and died November 18, 1907. In 1836 he came with his parents, Phillip and Nancy (Shreeve) Hedrick, to Indiana, the journey having been made overland with teams and wagon, and en route they stopped in Ohio for some time. Continuing their journey they finally arrived in Delaware county and located on the Mississinawa river.

Cyrus was then sixteen years of age, and he lived with his parents until his marriage. Erecting him a little log cabin in the wilderness of Liberty township, he brought his bride to his new home, where they lived and labored for many years, and in time the little cabin home gave place to a more pleasant and commodious frame residence. They were married in Delaware county November 25, 1841, and became the parents of ten children, five now living, namely: Nancy A., the wife of Louis Goontz; Malinda E., the widow of Thomas J. Hudson; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Mr. Rector; Julia E., the widow of Dr. Seth Allen; and Matilda M., the widow of J. A. Hudson. Mr. Hedrick yet resides on his old homestead farm three miles east of Muncie, but the wife and mother, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, September 2, 1824, died August 30, 1897, aged seventy-three years, eleven months and twenty-eight days.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rector: Vora D., who died at the age of nineteen years; Cyrus A., who married Charline Prutzman, and they are the parents of Elizabeth Rector, born November 11, 1907; Frank E.; Laura, who died in infancy; Maggie M., the wife of Robert B. Broyle; and Ivy F., who died at the age of eight years. Frank E. Rector married Lola C. Childs March 14, 1900. She was born in Delaware county, Indiana, May 8, 1880, and died April 23, 1907, after becoming the mother of one son, Chester C., who is of the fifth generation of the Rector family in Delaware county. Mr. Rector is a life-long member of the United Brethren church, and for twenty years served as a minister, and has also filled most of the offices in his church.

WILLIAM T. DOWNING. Since he came to Delaware county as a boy of eight years William T. Downing has been a witness of very important changes in this vicinity, and throughout his entire business career he has been identified with its agricultural pursuits. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, September 21, 1845, a son of James and Maria (Rector) Downing, both of whom were also born in the Buckeye state, the father in 1819. In 1853, with his wife and children, he made the overland journey to Indiana with team and wagon, locating in Perry township, Delaware county, where he secured government land from a warrant issued in Pauling county, Ohio. Perry township was at that time a dense wilderness, and the family took up their abode in a little log cabin which stood on their land. Later they resided in Henry county, Indiana, for a number of years, and then took up their abode on a farm south of Muncie, where Mr. Downing spent the remainder of his life as a farmer and died in

When he had reached his eighteenth year William T. Downing, the subject of this review, became a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in Company G, Seventh Regiment of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Indiana Cavalry. He enlisted at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 25, 1863, and was discharged on the 16th of March, 1866, having been mustered out of the service at Austin, Texas. During that time he participated in the battles of Okolona, Guntown, Grand Gulf, Egypt and Oxford, Mississippi; Big Blue, Missouri; Mine Creek, Kansas; Raleigh, Tennessee; Port Gibson and Verona, Mississippi; Boliver, Tennessee; Hurricane Creek, Independence and Osage River, Missouri; Bastrop, Louisiana, and La Navoo, Mississippi. After the close of hostilities Mr. Downing returned to Delaware county and to his farm labors, purchasing soon afterward, in 1869, his present homestead in Harrison township. From a wild and heavily timbered tract he has transformed it into a beautiful and well cultivated farm, and in 1902 he built the pleasant residence which now adorns the homestead.

On the 24th of March, 1870, Mr. Downing married Miss Eliza Jane Brown. She was born in Clinton county, Ohio, November 6, 1847, the daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Jane Brown, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Virginia. The father was born on the 20th of March, 1819, and died March 7, 1905, and the mother, born August 20, 1809, died February 9, 1891. They were married on the 8th of September, 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Downing have three children—Mary, Charles and Ethel. The eldest daughter is the wife of Nathan Dunn. The political affiliations of Mr. Downing are with the Republican party, being a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has membership relations with the Grand Army Post of Gaston.

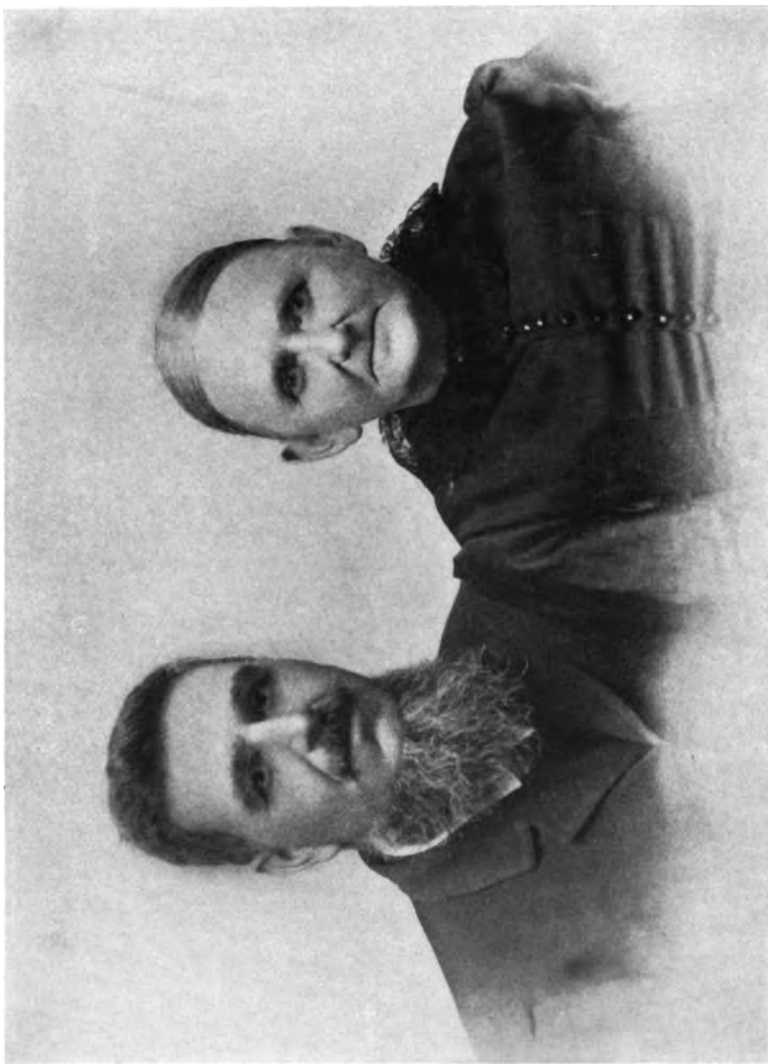
MAHLON CRAMPTON is one of the honored pioneers who aided in laying the foundation on which to erect the superstructure of Delaware county's present prosperity and progress. Through the period of early development he was an important factor in the improvement and advancement of this section of the state, becoming identified with its interests when a young man of twenty-seven years. It was in the year of 1854 that he came to Indiana and cast his lot with the early residents of Harrison township, Delaware county, locating on the farm on which he now resides and on which had been erected a little log cabin. Into this cabin home he installed his family and they began life here in true pioneer style. All was then new and wild, but Mr. Crampton has lived to see his land cleared from the timber and placed under an excellent state of cultivation, and to him belongs the credit of having built the first ditch in this locality. He also took an active part in the building of the roads of Delaware county, assisting in building seven turnpikes in all, and many other equally as important public matters owe their origin to Mahlon Crampton. In 1870 his little cabin home

was replaced by a commodious and pleasant frame residence, and here he is now spending the evening of his long and useful life.

Mr. Crampton was born in Ashland county, Ohio, March 2, 1827, a son of Joel and Elenor (Ross) Crampton. The father was born in New Haven, Connecticut, November 20, 1802, and when a little lad of seven years, in 1809, he went with his parents to Ohio and there spent the remainder of his life, although his death occurred in Delaware county, Indiana, August 27, 1882. His entire business career was devoted to farming and stock raising, driving his stock to the Sandusky, Cincinnati and Toledo markets, and he became well and prominently known throughout the entire state of Ohio. His political affiliations were with the Whig party. In Ashland county, Ohio, Joel Crampton married Elenor Ross, born in Jefferson county, that state, March 14, 1808, and she died in Warren county, Ohio, September 20, 1861. Their marriage was celebrated on the 13th of April, 1826, and they became the parents of six children, three of whom are now living: Mahlon, the subject of this review; Charles C., born in Ashland county, Ohio, October 9, 1838, married Mrs. Mary A. Benadum, nee Lincecum, and she is now deceased; and Hiram, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, May 23, 1842, married Rosa Lyons.

When but a boy of nine years Mahlon Crampton entered upon a clerkship in a store in Richland county, Ohio, and from his Ohio home he journeyed to Indiana in 1854. Two years previously, on the 2d of September, 1852, he had married Miss Ruth Jane Crane, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, April 3, 1829, the daughter of Abner and Hulda (Robinson) Crane, both of whom were born in New Jersey, the former May 16, 1773, and died April 3, 1848, and the latter September 26, 1775, died on the 8th of December, 1835. They were married in Warren county, Ohio, and became the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to years of maturity, but all are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Crampton. Mr. Crane was numbered among the early Ohio pioneers and business men, he having conducted a cooper shop, and was also interested in the making of brick, pottery and crockery. He was a member of the New Light church and was a Jefferson Democrat politically. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crampton five are now living: Ira E., who married L. Beuoy; Leroy R., who married Annie Smith, now deceased; Hulda E., the wife of John O. Lewelen; Isaac W., who married Nellie Thornburg; and Alfred S., who married Alta Reasnor. During the past fifty years Mr. Crampton has held membership relations with the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years has served as its trustee. As early as 1840 his father served as superintendent of a Sunday-school of that





*William H. Lee  
and Wife*

**WILLIAM H. LEE.** Delaware county has many prosperous and honorable farmers who have reached their high stations through able individual effort, and prominent among the number is William H. Lee, residing on section 36, Harrison township. Coming to this locality nearly forty years ago, when a large proportion of the land was still virgin, he became an important factor in developing its rich agricultural resources, and by his energy and thrift improved a good farm. A son of Daniel Lee, he was born January 20, 1834, in Rush county, Indiana. He is of English ancestry, his great-grandfather, Nathan Lee, having been born in Virginia of English parents. His grandfather, Hilliary Lee, a native of Virginia, had five uncles in the Revolutionary army of patriots.

A son of Hilliary Lee, Daniel Lee was born in 1810 in North Carolina, and died in Monroe township, Madison county, Indiana, in 1877. He came to Rush county, this state, in 1832, making the overland journey with the typical pioneer teams. The country in which he located was then but sparsely settled, the wilderness being the home of deer, bears, wolves and other wild beasts. In 1836, after a four years' residence in this locality, he removed to Monroe township, Madison county. Entering one hundred and twenty acres of government land, he built for himself and family a log house, and after many years of incessant toil and skill evolved a good farm from the forest, and there spent the remaining days of his life. He was a man of strong personality, and a Jeffersonian Democrat in politics. His first wife was Mary Garner, who was born in North Carolina and died in Indiana in August, 1847. Five children were born of this union, the following three of whom survive: William H., the subject of this sketch; Isaac and Thomas. By his second marriage, with Nancy Cunningham, he also had five children, of whom Richard M. is the only survivor.

William H. Lee assisted his father in his pioneer work of clearing and improving a homestead, remaining in Monroe township until the spring of 1871. Coming then to Delaware county, Mr. Lee bought his present farm, lying in section 36, Harrison township, and at once set to work vigorously to improve it. He labored most diligently to add to its improvements and appointments, and in 1880 erected a good frame house. Subsequently he turned over to his son, John D. Lee, with whom he is now living, the entire management and control of the estate, and the younger Lee, a man of fine ability, has greatly added to the value and attractiveness of the homestead, one of his improvements being the modern barn built in 1902.

William H. Lee has been married three times. His first wife, to whom he was married February 27, 1858, was Elizabeth Ann Broyles, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, June 3, 1836, and died February 22, 1859, leaving one child, Mary C., who is now the wife of O. H. P. Goble. Mr. Lee's second marriage was to Carolina Lutz, on the 14th of November, 1861; she was born February 14, 1842, and died October 26, 1865, leaving one child, George W. Lee. He reached maturity, married, became a police officer, and on December 8, 1899, was shot and killed by postoffice robbers,

the tragedy occurring in Alexandria. He left a wife and four children. On March 19, 1867, Mr. Lee married for his third wife Mrs. Sarah (Jones) Hinchman, who was born July 28, 1829, and died February 14, 1900. She was a daughter of John D. Jones, born in Darke county, Ohio, and in 1829 came with her parents to Indiana, locating in Delaware county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Hinchman was born one daughter, Mary J., October 17, 1854. By his third wife he had one child, John D. Lee, born August 13, 1870. Politically our subject is a Democrat, and has been a steadfast member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1852.

John D. Lee and wife are now the owners of the two hundred and twenty acres contained in the home farm, having bought out all who were interested in the same, and he is carrying on general operations and stock-raising on an extensive scale. On December 26, 1894, he married Nora A. Stanley, a native of Henry county, Indiana, born March 17, 1871. Her father, Philip Stanley, was born in Jefferson township, Henry county, September 20, 1842, and there resides on the farm entered from the government by his father. He married Elmira Thornburg, born in Delaware county, May 13, 1850, and of their union were born nine children, of whom eight are living, Mrs. John D. Lee being the second child of the family. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lee have three children, namely: J. Frank, William Rea and George H. Fraternally he is a member of Gilman Lodge No. 745, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is justly proud of his substantial and honorable ancestors, and among the family relics which he most highly prizes is the old Longfellow clock, which is nearly a century old—a memorial of his mother's family, and which was originally hauled from Ohio in one of the old Virginia wagons.

**JOSIAH FERGUSON.** A fine representative of the native-born citizens of Delaware county and a well-known farmer of Harrison township, Josiah Ferguson is an upright, honorable man, and one who ever uses his influence to promote the best interests of town and county. Coming from excellent Virginian ancestry, he was born November 9, 1865, in Harrison township, a son of Josiah Ferguson, Sr.

A native of Virginia, Josiah Ferguson was born January 16, 1816, in Southampton county, and died in Harrison township, Indiana, October 30, 1891. Left an orphan when a boy, he left his native state, going first to Ohio, where he worked as a tiller of the soil for several years. In 1848, following the trail of the pioneer, he came to Harrison township, and having bought ninety-six acres of heavily timbered land, moved on to it with his wife and children, spending his first summer in a rail pen. The following year he erected a log cabin, and in common with the other pioneers of this section endured all the privations and hardships of frontier life. He subsequently built a house of hewed logs and made many improvements of value on his place. He lived to see the country hereabout well settled and

himself the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres, the greater part of which he had in a good state of cultivation. A man of keen intelligence and good business ability, he was active in the management of local affairs, and served for many years as supervisor. He was a Whig in politics during his earlier years, but was afterwards identified with the Democrats. He was especially interested in everything pertaining to agriculture, and belonged to the local Grange. He married Susan Oliver, who was born in Northampton county, North Carolina, January 9, 1823, and died December 25, 1904, in Harrison township. She bore him sixteen children, of whom six are living, namely: Lucinda, wife of Henry Hazelbaker; Ruth, widow of the late L. A. Miller; Mary, wife of R. M. Miller; Silas D., married Rosetta Hazelbaker; Josiah, Jr., the subject of this sketch; and Joshua, who married Tillie Wiggins.

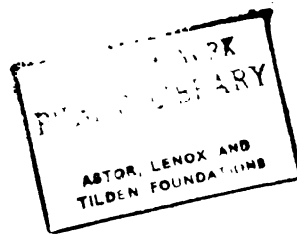
Until sixteen years of age Josiah Ferguson worked on the farm summers with his father, attending the district school during the winter terms. From that time until his marriage he remained beneath the parental roof-tree, assisting in the management of the home farm. On the death of his father he purchased the interest of some of the heirs, and has since carried on the homestead property with great success. He is a skilled and practical agriculturist, and in his farming operations has met with most gratifying results, his land yielding extensive crops of hay, corn and oats, the cereals most common to this region. He is a man of much enterprise, and since 1894 has run a threshing machine in connection with his farm labors, being kept busily employed during the threshing season. He has acquired other property of value and is one of the stockholders in the Gaston Tile Company. Politically he is a sound Democrat.

On December 3, 1890, Mr. Ferguson married Ida E. Carpenter, who was born October 12, 1872, near Summitville, Indiana, a daughter of the late William F. Carpenter. A native of Indiana, Mr. Carpenter was born in Decatur county January 17, 1835, and died on his farm in Harrison township November 27, 1904. Losing his father by death when he was but a youth, he joined Colonel Walker's expedition and with it went to South America, where he spent five or six years, three years of the time being confined as a prisoner. Returning home in 1850 in destitute circumstances, he was fortunate enough on arriving in New York city to fall in with a friendly old gentleman who fitted him out with suitable clothing and paid his railroad fare from there to Indiana. He labored diligently after his return, invested his money in timber land in Jennings county, buying eighty acres, and for six years manufactured staves by hand. Removing then to Union county, he carried on farming for two or more years, and then purchased forty acres of heavily wooded land in Madison county. In the small log cabin standing upon the place when he bought it he lived for three years, when he replaced it with a good frame house, which he and his family occupied for three years. Disposing then of that property, Mr. Carpenter came to Delaware county, and in Harrison township bought eighty acres of land,

on which was a log cabin. Taking possession of it, he lived in it until 1892, when he built a substantial frame house, in which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a Whig in politics until the formation of the Republican party, when he became a supporter of its principles, and in 1860 cast his presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was a man of strong religious convictions, and for a quarter of a century belonged to the Christian church. On October 18, 1860, Mr. Carpenter married Annie Himelick, who was born October 14, 1842, in Jennings county, Indiana, and was there bred and educated. Seven children were born to them, namely: Mary E., who married John Trice, died when but twenty-two years old; Morton F., married Laura C. Ocker; Sarah A., married first John McLaughlin, and after his death became the wife of Frank Bryant; Joseph H.; Ida E., wife of Mr. Ferguson; John W., married Laura Randolph; and Ora, married Velma E. Needler. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have a fine family of seven children, namely: Ormal J. W., Archie F., Sylvia S. H., Elva R. H., Lola R., Joshua P. and Lillian F.

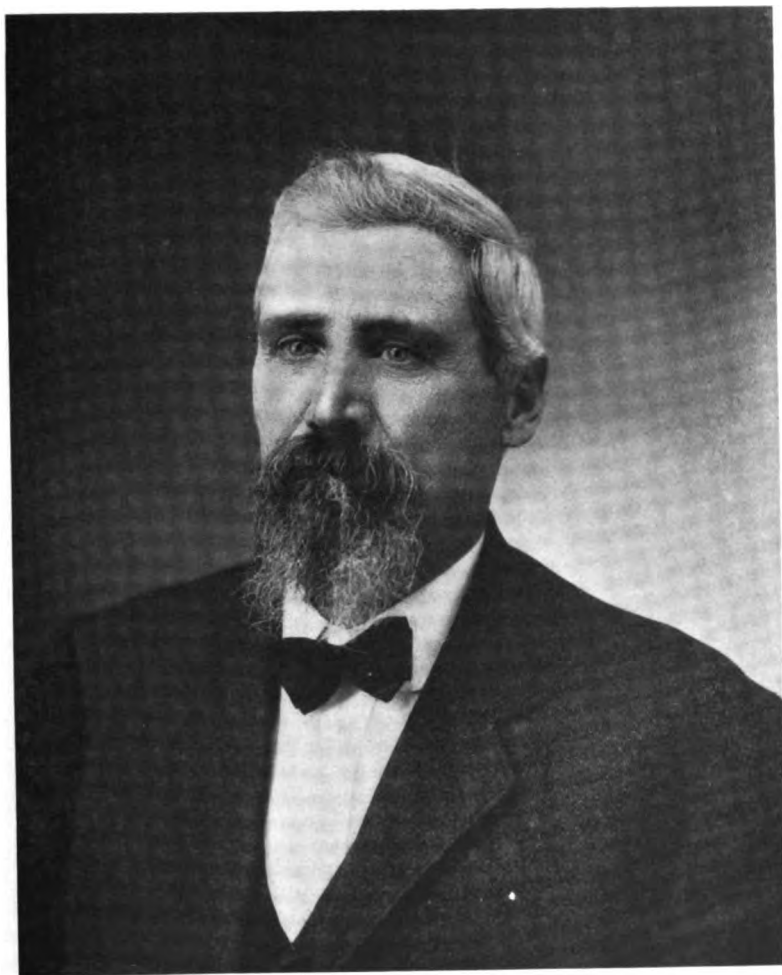
SAMUEL F. MCNETT was born in Logan county, Ohio, November 9, 1845, a son of Abram and Julia Ann (Downs) McNett, both of whom also claimed the Buckeye state of Ohio as the place of their nativity. The father, who was born in Greene county June 10, 1819, died on the 1st of April, 1899, and the mother, born in Champlain county in 1823, passed away in death on the 25th of August, 1867. They were married in January, 1844, and became the parents of nine children, but of this large number only two are now living, Samuel F. and Rose. The daughter, the youngest of the family, married George Bland, and after his death she became the wife of J. P. Wilson. Mr. McNett, the father, removed from his native county of Greene to Logan county, Ohio, when but seven years of age, and there he spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the New Light Christian church, and his political affiliations were with the Whig party. He was a man highly respected by all who knew him.

Until reaching the age of twenty-one years Mr. McNett remained in the parental home, and he afterward taught school for eight years during the winter months and farmed in the summers. In October, 1873, he came to Indiana and established his home on the Wheeling pike, where Stockport now stands, and his first winter here was spent in teaching school in Washington township. He continued his residence on his farm here until the spring of 1877, when he exchanged the land for the farm where he now lives in Harrison township, section 6, and in 1899 he built the pleasant and attractive residence which now adorns the homestead. He is farming one hundred and seven acres of as fine land as lies within the borders of Harrison township, and in addition to his general agricultural pursuits he is also extensively engaged in stock-raising, breeding Percheron and coach horses,





*Mary A McNeill*



*Samuel H. McVitt*



Shorthorn and Jersey cattle and Poland-China hogs, having attained a high degree of success in both branches of his business.

On the 25th of December, 1873, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McNett and Mary A. Shawver. She was born in Logan county, Ohio, December 24, 1853, the daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Foust) Shawver. The father, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, April 9, 1827, accompanied his parents on their removal to Logan county, that state, when twelve years old. He was the eighth son in order of birth of a family of thirteen children, and he received his educational training in the district schools of Harrison township, Logan county. He was confirmed in the Lutheran church at Bellefontaine, Ohio, on the 25th of October, 1845, thus becoming a member of the church of Christ when eighteen years of age. He was held in universal esteem by all who knew him, and he at all times manifested the most noble traits of manhood, passing to his final reward on the 11th of May, 1902. Mrs. Shawver, who is now living on the old homestead in Logan county, Ohio, was born in Portage county of that state June 7, 1834. They were married on the 27th of January, 1853, and became the parents of nine children: Mary A. the wife of Mr. McNett; Malinda, the widow of John Hemphill; George L., who married for his third wife Mary Worth; John W., who died in infancy; Lucinda M., the widow of Sylvester Morris; Rebecca E., the wife of Frank Cockrell; David E., who married Effie Piper; Dora; and Mattie E., the wife of David King. Nine children have also been born to Mr. and Mrs. McNett: Augusta E., the wife of Walter Bennett; Ida L. M., the wife of John Ray; Daniel A., who married Anna Cluff, and resides in Dayton, Ohio; Ira J. E., who died at the age of fourteen years, eleven months and eighteen days; Pearl I., who died at the age of three years and three months; Guy T.; Ralph S.; Esta Hannah; and Dorothy I. Mr. McNett exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles of the Democratic party, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**WILLIAM CLINTON THOMAS.** Prosperously engaged in the free and independent occupation upon which the stability and prosperity of our country so largely rest is William Clinton Thomas, a well-known and successful agriculturist of Harrison township, Delaware county. A son of the late Charles S. Thomas, he was born August 24, 1862, in Hancock county, Indiana. He comes of Welsh ancestry, his grandfather, Rease Thomas, having been born in Wales, while his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah A. Thomas, was born in Pennsylvania.

Charles S. Thomas was born October 31, 1832, in Pennsylvania, and when but two years old was taken by his parents to Ohio, and three years later came with them to Indiana, locating first in Martin county. When old enough to use an ax he assisted in the pioneer labor of clearing a homestead. He subsequently removed to Hancock county, where he purchased land and began farming on his own account. In 1875 he came with his

family to Delaware county, and for a quarter of a century was here employed in improving a farm, laboring faithfully and ably. Removing to Alexandria, Madison county, in 1900, he resided there until his death, December 7, 1902. He was a pioneer in the true sense implied by the term, and in the different places that he lived became fully acquainted with all phases of frontier life. Little do the people of this generation realize the hardships and trials endured, the great ambition required and the physical endurance demanded to secure the homes established by the early settlers for themselves and their descendants. On May 11, 1858, Charles S. Thomas married Sarah A. Morgan, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, May 11, 1843, a daughter of John and Phebe (Rash) Morgan, natives of North Carolina. Coming as a pioneer to Madison county, John Morgan bought a tract of forest-covered land, and in the years that ensued worked with courage and perseverance to clear and improve a homestead. He first cleared a space in which he might build a log cabin, which with its puncheon floor and shake-covered roof was the family domicile for several years. Game of all kinds was plentiful, and the family larder was kept well supplied with turkey and venison. Wolves and bears were also troublesome, necessitating a frequent use of firearms on his part. Meeting with success in his labors, he cleared a good farm, and was there a resident until his death. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan ten children were born, two of whom survive, namely, William Morgan, and Sarah A., widow of Charles S. Thomas, who makes her home with her children. Five children blessed the union of Charles and Sarah A. Thomas, three of whom are living, as follows: William Clinton, the subject of this sketch; Isaac Oscar, and Stephen Oliver.

Beginning a farmer's life on his own account in early manhood, William C. Thomas commenced on a modest scale, at first having but twenty acres of land in Harrison township. Succeeding from the first, he has gradually enlarged his operations, and has now a farm of fifty acres, on which he has made almost every improvement, having taken possession of it when it was in its virgin wildness. He has met with unquestioned success, having his land in a good state of tillage, and in 1904 erected his present modern farmhouse. He is a steadfast Democrat in his political views and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Thomas married first, October 16, 1886, Lydia S. Carter, who was born in Ohio April 11, 1863, and died September 4, 1894, leaving two children, Callie S. and Dora A. Mr. Thomas married second, December 24, 1896, Cynthia E. Haney, who was born in Hancock county, Indiana, May 11, 1874, and died October 27, 1903. Four children were born of their union, three of whom are living, namely, Edna O., Rena S. and Ruth L.

themselves, is John F. Jackson, of Harrison township. Well and favorably known throughout the community in which he resides, he is numbered among its best and most active men politically and socially, being prominently identified with the advancement of its best and highest interests. A son of the late Jeremiah S. Jackson, he was born May 19, 1853, in Henry county. His grandfather, Jesse Jackson, located as a pioneer in Delaware county.

Coming when a boy to Delaware county, Jeremiah S. Jackson knew the seamy side of pioneer life, its hardships, trials and tribulations. By experience he learned to wield the ax with dexterity, and assisted his father in clearing a homestead from the dense forest. Selecting farming for his own life work, he first located as a farmer in Henry county, but subsequently came to Perry township, Delaware county, to live. Purchasing eighty acres of timber land, he erected a log house in the clearing, and at once began the improvement of a homestead, laboring with the ambition and zeal characteristic of the brave pioneers who so cheerfully spent their lives in unceasing toil in order that their descendants might have the comforts, if not the luxuries, denied to them. He was successful in his labors, making improvements of value on his place. The log house which he built was subsequently completed by the putting on all around of a siding of black walnut, which he cut from his timber and had sawed in the neighboring mill. In this house he spent the remainder of his life, dying September 25, 1870. During the Civil war he offered his services to his country, but on enlisting was rejected on account of poor health. He was a Whig in politics in his younger days, and belonged to the United Brethren church. He married in 1839, in Indiana, Keziah Cary, who was born near Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, March 31, 1818, and died February 25, 1894, in Delaware county. Eleven children blessed their union, six of whom are now living, namely: Minerva, wife of J. Harold; Tabitha, widow of the late Albert Gates; Zerilda, wife of George Chalfant; John F., the subject of this sketch; Boyd E., who married Emma Dorothy; and Melissa, wife of John Masterson.

The early life of John F. Jackson was spent after the manner of the majority of the sons of the early pioneers, in a comparatively uneventful manner, attending school winters and making himself useful around the homestead as his years increased. When he was twenty-one years old his father died, and the following two years he worked out by the month, giving to his widowed mother a part of his earnings. Assuming then the care of the parental homestead, he managed it for five years and took care of his mother. Taking upon himself then the responsibilities of a married man, Mr. Jackson worked for a while as a brick manufacturer, in the meantime carrying on farming on rented land. Prudent in his expenditures and wise in his savings, he accumulated money, and in 1894 bought his present home in section 13, Harrison township. He has thirty-six acres of land, the greater part of which he has brought to an excellent state of culture, and is pursuing his independent vocation in an able and skillful manner, having a substan-

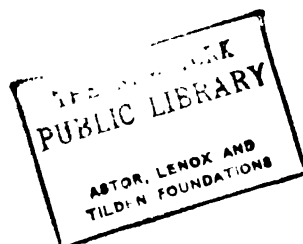
tial set of buildings on the place and ample machinery to facilitate the otherwise slow and tedious work of the modern farmer.

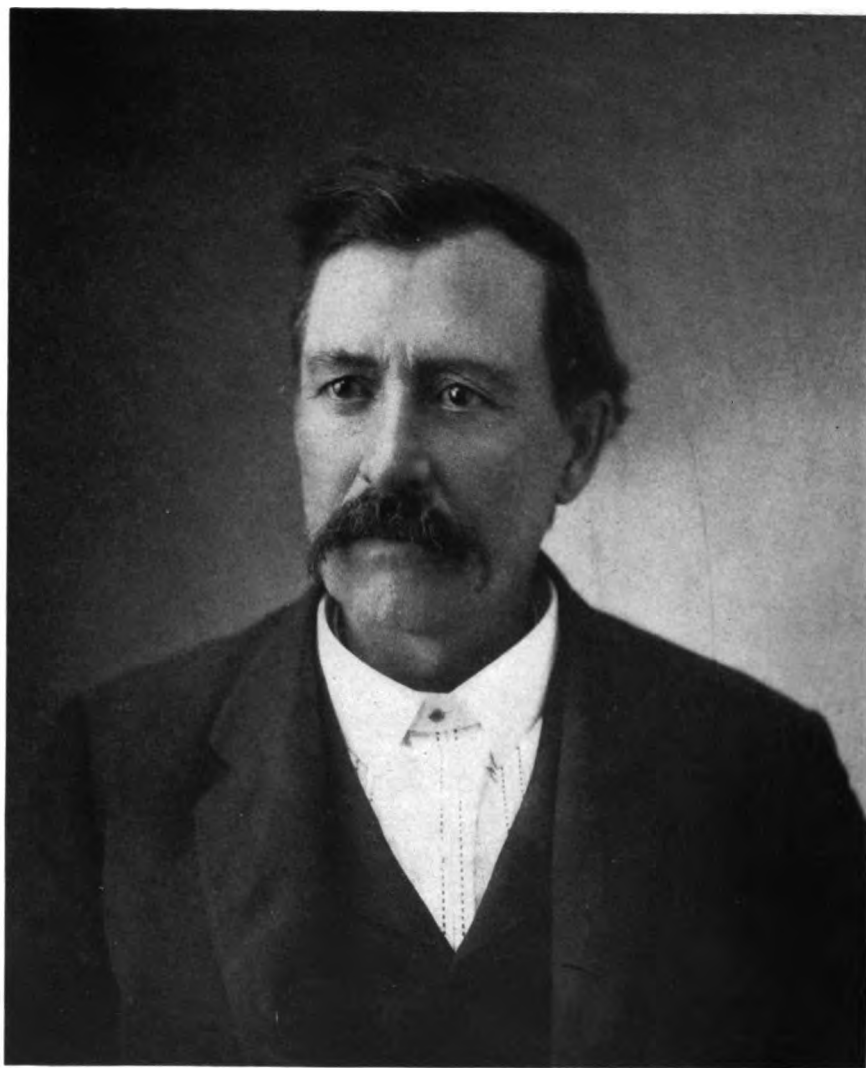
On September 25, 1881, Mr. Jackson married Laura M. Williams, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, December 12, 1862, a daughter of Dr. John Williams. Dr. Williams was born in Madison county, Indiana, and there grew to manhood. Fitting himself for the medical profession, he was first located at Fisherburg, from there coming to Delaware county and settling at McCowan Station, where he remained as a leading physician until his death at the age of forty-nine years. He was a man of influence in the community, identified with the Republican party in politics, and was a member of Newcastle Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Dr. Williams married Emeline Ford, who was born in Madison county, and died in Delaware county at the early age of thirty-seven years. Seven children were born of their union, six of whom are living, namely: James, who married Matilda Taylor; Isaac, married Priscilla Hutchings; Jasper, married Mary Graham; John, married Jane Clevinger; Laura M., wife of Mr. Jackson; and Leroy.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, namely: James A., engaged in teaching school; Bertha, wife of P. Jarrett; Grace, wife of Earl Lawson; Elzie; and Addie, who lived but six years. Mr. Jackson has always identified himself with the interests of this part of the county, and has proved himself a worthy and valuable citizen. In 1884 he was elected assessor, and served ably for five years. He is a Republican in politics, and an active worker in party ranks. Fraternally he is a member of Bethel Lodge No. 731, I. O. O. F., which he has served as noble grand and which he has represented as a delegate in the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are members of Lincoln Rebekah Lodge No. 563, at Bethel, Indiana, and both are active members of the Christian church, belonging to King's chapel.

GILBERT A. BRUNTON. Numbered among the intelligent, active and enterprising agriculturists of Harrison township is Gilbert A. Brunton, who is successfully engaged in general farming on the old Hutson homestead. Intimately associated with the agricultural and industrial prosperity of this part of the county, he is especially deserving of mention in a volume of this character. A native of Decatur county, he was born June 10, 1868, a son of Noah L. and Louisa H. (Bentley) Brunton. A more extended history of his parents may be found elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of his brother-in-law, William Hiatt.

Living on the home farm in Decatur county until 1884, Gilbert A. Brunton obtained his rudimentary education in the district schools, while under his father's instructions he was well drilled in the various branches





*J. A. Hiatt*



*Mrs J. A. Hiatt*



the Hutson estate. He is now carrying on eighty-five acres of his own land, and farms forty-one acres besides, with much success. His land is now in an admirable state of culture, and, owing to the sound judgment and persistent energy with which he has devoted himself to its care, is a valuable piece of property.

Mr. Brunton married, August 21, 1892, Larma J. Hutson, who was born in Harrison township December 28, 1870, a daughter of the late Enos Hutson. Enos Hutson was born in this township September 22, 1840, and died on the home farm March 16, 1906. He spent the larger part of his life in Delaware county, although he lived for two or three years as a young man in the west. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war, when the call came for more troops, he enlisted for a term of three months in Company B, Thirty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was with his comrades in several engagements, at one time being severely wounded on the field of battle. At the end of three months, his patriotic ardor and enthusiasm still undimmed, he reënlisted, and served until the close of the war, taking an active part in some of the most important and closely contested engagements of the conflict. Discharged from the service with an honorable record as a brave and faithful soldier, he returned to his native county, settling in Harrison township. Purchasing sixty acres of wild land, Mr. Hutson cleared the brush and timber from it, erected first a log cabin, which was subsequently replaced with a frame house, and from that time until his death was engaged most successfully in farming and stock-raising. He was for many years one of the substantial and reliable citizens of the community, and for many terms served as school director. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Christian church.

On March 18, 1868, Mr. Hutson married Melvina Garner, who was born in Harrison township April 21, 1851, and died in this township March 19, 1906, surviving him but three days. Five children were born to them, as follows: Eleanor H., wife of Borter Simpson; Larma J., wife of Mr. Brunton; John, died in infancy; William V., married Hattie Clevinger; and Sylvia E.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunton have three children, namely, Ray F., Lulu May and Perry M. Fraternally Mr. Brunton is prominent in the organization of Odd Fellows, belonging to Bethel Lodge No. 731, I. O. O. F., of which he is past noble grand, and has for four years been the secretary. He is also a member of Gilman Encampment No. 30, and both he and his wife belong to Lincoln Lodge No. 563, Daughters of Rebekah. Politically Mr. Brunton is a Republican, and religiously he and Mrs. Brunton are valued members of the Christian church.

perity, and in his agricultural operations he is meeting with merited success. A native of this county, he was born September 16, 1846, in Monroe township, a son of the late William J. Hiatt.

A son of John and Charity Hiatt, early pioneers of Henry county, William J. Hiatt was born in Ohio and came with his parents to Indiana when a small boy. Following the occupation in which he was reared, he was employed as a tiller of the soil in Henry county for a number of years. Moving with his family to Delaware county, he located on a tract of timbered land and, having cleared a space, erected for his first dwelling a log house, which is standing today. Farming wisely and well, he accumulated considerable property, at one time owning two hundred and twenty acres of good land. He built a frame house when he had sufficient means to warrant him in so doing, and there spent his last years in comfort, dying May 3, 1886, aged seventy-two years, five months and seventeen days. He was an able assistant in aiding public improvements, helping cut the timber for the public highway, and being one of the contractors in the building of the Newcastle, Wheeling and Bethel pike. He was also, in company with his son Jonathan, one of the contractors in the building of the Bethel pike, and the Muncie, Lafayette and Bloomington railroad, now known as the Lake Erie railway. He was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Quaker church. William J. Hiatt married Charlotte Adamison, who was born in Kentucky and died October 30, 1885, on the home farm, aged seventy-three years and twenty days. Of the nine children born of their union four are living, as follows: Jonathan A., the subject of this sketch; Annie, widow of the late William West; Simon, of Muncie; and Charity, the widow of David Jackson.

In that primitive pioneer dwelling of his parents Jonathan A. Hiatt grew to manhood, assisting in the farm labors, and gleaning his early education in the rude log schoolhouse with its puncheon floor and slab seats. He remained at home with his father until twenty-eight years of age, as previously mentioned, helping, as a contractor and builder, to build different pikes and railways. Going to Kansas in March, 1878, Mr. Hiatt resided in Osage county about three years and then returned to Delaware county, locating in Monroe township, where he remained two years. Since that time he has been engaged in farming in section 24, Harrison township, where he has improved a fine farm of seventy-three acres. He is continually adding to the improvements which he first established, and in 1906 entirely remodeled his house, transforming it into a modernly equipped home,

Osage county, Kansas, Nancy E. Harris, who was born in Washington county, Ohio, December 11, 1857, a daughter of William S. Harris. Mr. Harris was born in Washington county, Ohio, July 24, 1832, and was there engaged in farming until the time of his enlistment as a soldier in the Civil war. He died in 1867. He married Louisa Lukins, who was born in the same county July 24, 1840, and died in 1886 in Osage county, Kansas. Six children were born to them, and four are now living, as follows: Nancy E., wife of Mr. Hiatt; Anna, wife of Wesley Harris; George W., married Etta Bunder; and William, married and living in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt are the parents of three children, namely: James V., who married Zenia L. Millspaugh; C. C., deceased; and Larma S. In his political relations Mr. Hiatt is a sound Republican, and religiously he belongs to the Christian church. He is a prominent member of Bethel Lodge No. 731, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, serving as noble grand and as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt are members of Lincoln Rebekah Lodge No. 563.

LUCIAN ALONZO JOHNSON. The agricultural community of Harrison township is composed of live, energetic and persevering business men, conspicuous among whom is Lucian A. Johnson, an intelligent, well-informed man and a successful farmer. A native of Indiana, he was born January 15, 1863, in Madison county, a son of William Johnson.

William Johnson was born and bred in North Carolina, his birth occurring April 3, 1833. Coming to Indiana when young, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Madison county until after the breaking out of the Civil war. Enlisting in the One Hundred and Fortieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, he took part in various engagements, serving until the term of his enlistment expired, when he received his honorable discharge. Returning then to his home, with his health impaired from exposure and privations, he never recovered his former physical vigor, but on November 25, 1865, died from disease contracted in the army. He was an honest, industrious man, upright in his dealings with his fellow men, and in politics supported the principles of the Republican party. He married Elizabeth Sexton, who was born in Indiana July 28, 1839, and has here spent her life, her home now being in Summitville. Three children were born of their union, as follows: Hannah J., wife of Leander Williams; Frank, married Mary E. Myers; and Lucian A., the subject of this sketch.

Beginning the battle of life for himself when but thirteen years old, Lucian A. Johnson, who ten years before had been left without a father's care, went to work on a farm, and until attaining his majority labored for wages. Marrying then, he began farming on his own account, continuing thus employed for nearly ten years. In 1895, wishing a change of occupation, Mr. Johnson opened a store of general merchandise at Bethel, Indiana, which he managed successfully until 1904, when he sold out. In the meantime he served as postmaster at the Stout postoffice until the establishment

of rural free delivery service in the Bethel district. On retiring from mercantile pursuits Mr. Johnson resumed his agricultural labors, and is now engaged in farming and stock-raising on the old Stout homestead of eighty-five acres, which has come into the possession of himself and wife. This property formerly belonged to Jeremiah Stout, Mrs. Johnson's grandfather, who took it up from the government on August 1, 1837. It was in 1903 that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson erected their modern residence.

In 1900 Mr. Johnson was elected the trustee of Harrison township, the most important office in the township. He erected the Beech Grove school-house, and had thirteen schools under his jurisdiction, and the affairs of the office were administered in an able and efficient manner. His administration began at the finishing of the Bethel high school building.

Mr. Johnson married February 24, 1884, Junnie E. Stout, who was born in this township December 31, 1866. Her father, the late Isaac Stout, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and died in Harrison township July 16, 1891, aged sixty-four years. He came to Harrison township, this county, when eight years old, with his parents, Jeremiah and Sarah Stout, and on the farm which they cleared from the wilderness he grew to manhood. Learning the carpenter's trade, he followed that in connection with farming for many years, being kept busily employed until the breaking out of the Civil war. His patriotism being then aroused, he offered his services to his country and fought valiantly in her defense. He afterwards established himself in the mercantile business at Bethel, and until his death was one of the leading general merchants of the place. He was also postmaster at the Stout postoffice, which was named in his honor. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and a member of Delaware Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Muncie. He married Gincie A. Doty, who was born in Ohio and died in Delaware county, Indiana, February 27, 1886, aged forty-nine years, eight months and thirteen days. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are living, as follows: Daniel W., married Lucy Roe; Junnie E., wife of Mr. Johnson; and James Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have four children, namely: Minnie A., wife of Frederick Van Laningham; Grace B., wife of Burt Clock; Lola Maud; and Virgil Glen. Minnie completed the common school course and received her diploma, and she then took a three years' course in the Bethel high school with the class of 1903. She also received instrumental music. Lola received her diploma with the class of 1907 and is now taking her first year's high school work at Muncie, Indiana. She has also taken instrumental music.

Politically Mr. Johnson invariably upholds the principles of the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of Bethel Lodge No. 731, I. O.

Van Buren. Its date was August 1, 1837, and it is one of the valuable heirlooms of the county.

JOHN M. CONNER. Indiana numbers the Conner family among its early residents. During his boyhood days Daniel Conner, who was born in Kentucky March 20, 1813, came with his parents, Rubin and Nancy Conner, to the Hoosier state, the family locating seven miles south of Connersville, in Fayette county, where the little son grew to years of maturity and was married. On the 6th of September 1832, he wedded Eliza Green, and they shortly afterward came to Delaware county, Indiana. In 1850 they purchased land in Harrison township to the amount of two hundred acres, about forty acres of which had been cleared, and they moved into a little log cabin which had been built on the land. In time this cabin home gave place to a more commodious frame residence, and there Mr. Conner spent the remainder of his busy and useful life, dying on the 8th of January, 1868. His wife, who was born in Fayette county, Indiana, July 21, 1814, died on the 21st of June, 1868. Their union was blessed by the birth of eight children, but only two, John M. and his sister Margaret, are now living. The daughter is the widow of Simon Miller. Mr. Conner was a good and devoted church member, and he transferred his political allegiance from the Whigs to the Republican party.

John M. Conner was born in Fayette county, Indiana, August 9, 1842, and his boyhood days were spent on the farm with his father, working in the fields during the summer months and attending the district schools in the winters. On the 9th of August, 1862, he enrolled his name as a defender of the Union in Company B, Eighty-fourth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and with his regiment he participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the conflict, including Chickamauga, Buzzard's Roost, Tunnel Hill, Rocky Ford, Dalton, Resaca, Kingston, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Pine Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain, in front of Atlanta during that engagement, Shoales Creek, Lovejoy Station, Franklin and many skirmishes. He was mustered out of service at Camp Harker, at Nashville, Tennessee, June 20, 1865, with a brave and honorable military record as a defender of the stars and stripes.

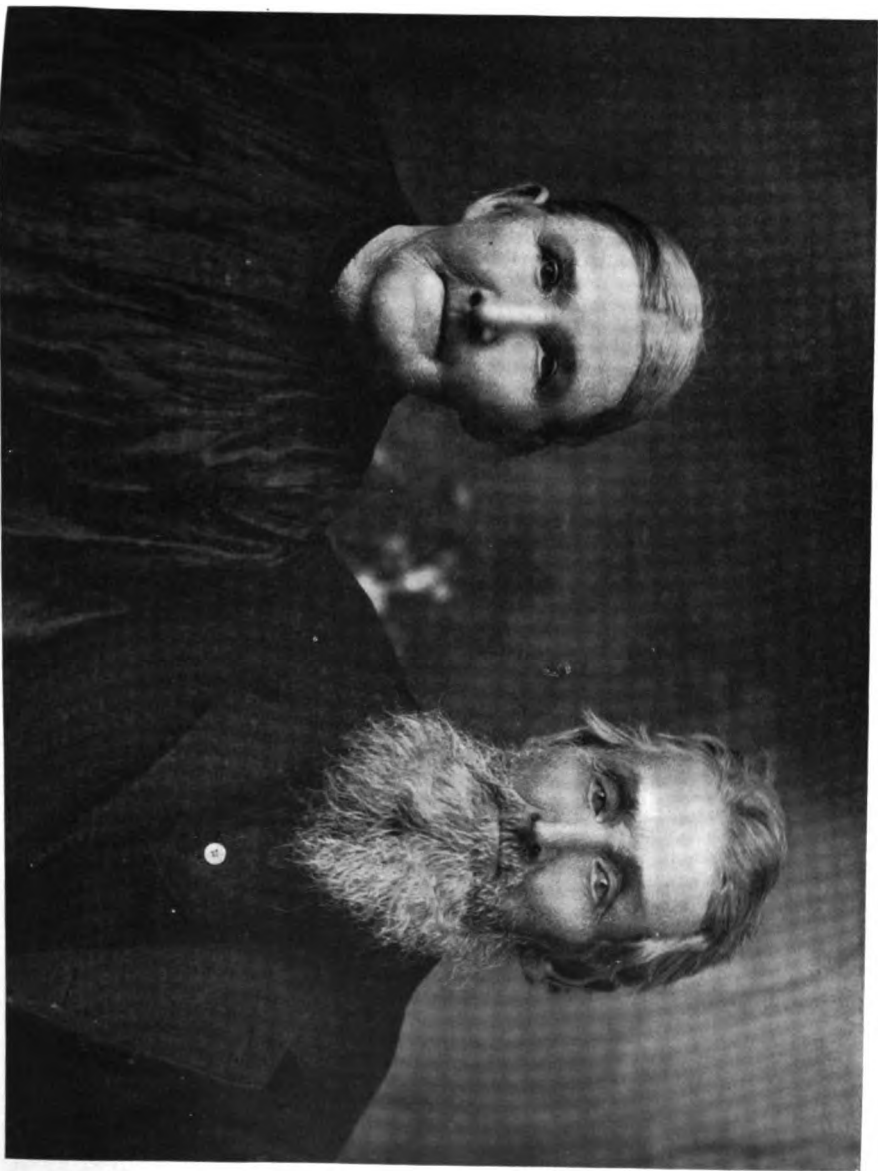
After the close of the war Mr. Conner returned to his home in Harrison township, Delaware county, Indiana, and resumed his former occupation of farming and stock-raising. In 1902 he erected the pleasant and commodious residence where he now lives, and his homestead is one of the valuable estates of Harrison township.

On the 4th of October, 1869, Mr. Conner married Sarah E. Darter, who was born in Harrison township, Delaware county, Indiana, July 21, 1851, to Alexander and Margaret (McKinley) Darter. The father was born in Fayette county, Indiana, April 5, 1821. On the 8th of February, 1865, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, for service in the Civil war, receiving his dis-

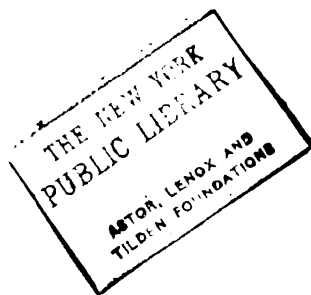
charge on the 4th of the following August. He moved to Butler county, Kansas, in March, 1877, and there his death occurred on the 6th of January, 1898. He received the honors of a veteran's burial, for he was an honored member of the G. A. R. post at Douglas, Kansas. During his residence in Delaware county he served for two terms as a county commissioner, also held the office of trustee, and was a Whig and a Republican in his political affiliations. He was a member of the New Light church. On the 22d of January, 1846, Mr. Darter wedded Margaret McKinley, who was born March 20, 1820, and died on the 22d of October, 1868. They became the parents of seven children, but only two are now living, Mrs. Conner and Thomas. On the 3d of June, 1869, Mr. Darter married Miss Sarah Ackaman, and of their four children, two sons and two daughters, three are now living, Esley, Addie and Roy. Mrs. Darter is now living in Kansas. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Conner: Willis D., who married Eva Stephenson; Margaret E., who died at the age of four years; and Ozro and Olive, twins. Olive is deceased, and Ozro married Maggie Shirk. The fraternal relations of Mr. Conner are with Lodge No. 731, I. O. O. F., and his political affiliations are with the Republican party, of which he is a stanch and active supporter. He is a member of the Christian church.

JOHN A. SITES. One of the aged and venerable citizens of Delaware county is John A. Sites. His probity, fidelity and sterling worth have won him the unqualified confidence of his fellow townsmen, and now in the evening of life his pathway is brightened by the veneration and respect which ever follow an upright career. He has been prominently identified with the interests of Delaware county during the past twenty-two years, but he is a native son of Grant county, West Virginia, born on the 16th of October, 1819, to John and Marie (Smith) Sites, both also natives of that commonwealth. John Sites was prominently identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of West Virginia for many years, there owning five hundred acres of land, and he also served as a justice of the peace during an extended period. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed church, a Whig in his political affiliations, and he lived to the age of seventy-seven years. His wife reached the remarkable age of one hundred and three years, while her mother was one hundred and nine when called to the home beyond. Thirteen children, seven daughters and six sons, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sites, namely: John A., Jacob, James, Izar, Sampson, Charles, Scott, Aaron, Jacob, two that died in infancy, Arthur and Ray Grant.

John A. Sites, the eldest child, offered his services to the Union cause during the period of the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 for three years, and



Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sites.



whence four weeks later he was transferred to Staunton prison in Rockingham county, Virginia, there remaining for six weeks, when he was taken to Castle Thunder prison at Richmond and thence to the famous Libby prison. During eight months he was held as a prisoner of war in that horrible prison pen, and at the close of the period the United States gave up three rebel prisoners for Mr. Sites, who was taken to Salisbury, North Carolina, and placed on parole. From there he was taken with others to Richmond, Virginia, and thence with thirteen other prisoners to a parole camp in Maryland, from whence after six weeks they were sent to headquarters at Wheeling, Virginia. But as the officer in charge there could not read their papers, they having been made out by a drunken man, they were told to return in ten days for their discharge. Returning home, Mr. Sites was again taken prisoner, but succeeded in making his escape, and he then came to Greene county, Ohio, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. From there in the spring of 1885 he came to Indiana and established his home in Harrison township, Delaware county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, putting his all, one thousand dollars in money, in this little home. He lost the entire amount, however, and he then became the owner of forty acres of land where he now lives, to which he added another forty-acre tract in 1903, and in the following year he erected his pleasant and comfortable home. For six years Mr. Sites represented his fellow townsmen in the office of road supervisor. His first presidential vote was cast for William H. Harrison, and when Abraham Lincoln made his race for the presidency Mr. Sites fought his way to the polls to cast his vote for the famous statesman. During William McKinley's presidential race the family, including Mr. Sites, his brothers and sons, cast thirty-six votes for the Republican candidate. Although born and raised a Dunkard, he is a member of the Friends church.

Mr. Sites first married Elizabeth Bond, who was born in West Virginia and died in 1844 after becoming the mother of six children: Jane, Samuel, Mary, Frances, John and George F. In 1855 Mr. Sites married Miss Mary A. Howland, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, the daughter of Rawlson and Rebecca J. (Gilliand) Howland, the former a native of Adams county, Ohio, and the latter of Ireland. Of their family of two sons and four daughters five are now living: Elizabeth, Martha, Gilmer, Armstrong and Mary. The wife and mother reached the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, and the father was seventy-three when death claimed him. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sites: Albert, Emma, Eve, James, Tessie, Harvey, Minnie, Josephine, Arthur, Drah, Ray and Sibble. The career of Mr. Sites has been an active, useful and honorable one, and to his children he will leave the priceless heritage of an unblemished record.

**MORTON F. CARPENTER.** Holding a position of considerable prominence among the more progressive and successful agriculturists of Delaware county is Morton F. Carpenter, a widely and favorably known general

farmer and stock breeder and raiser of Harrison township. He was born in Jennings county, Indiana, November 5, 1864, a son of William F. and Annie (Himelick) Carpenter. His father was born in Decatur county, Indiana, January 17, 1835, and died in Harrison township November 27, 1904, and his mother, who was born in Jennings county, Indiana, October 14, 1842, still lives on the homestead farm. Further parental history may be found elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of Josiah Ferguson, who married Mr. Carpenter's sister.

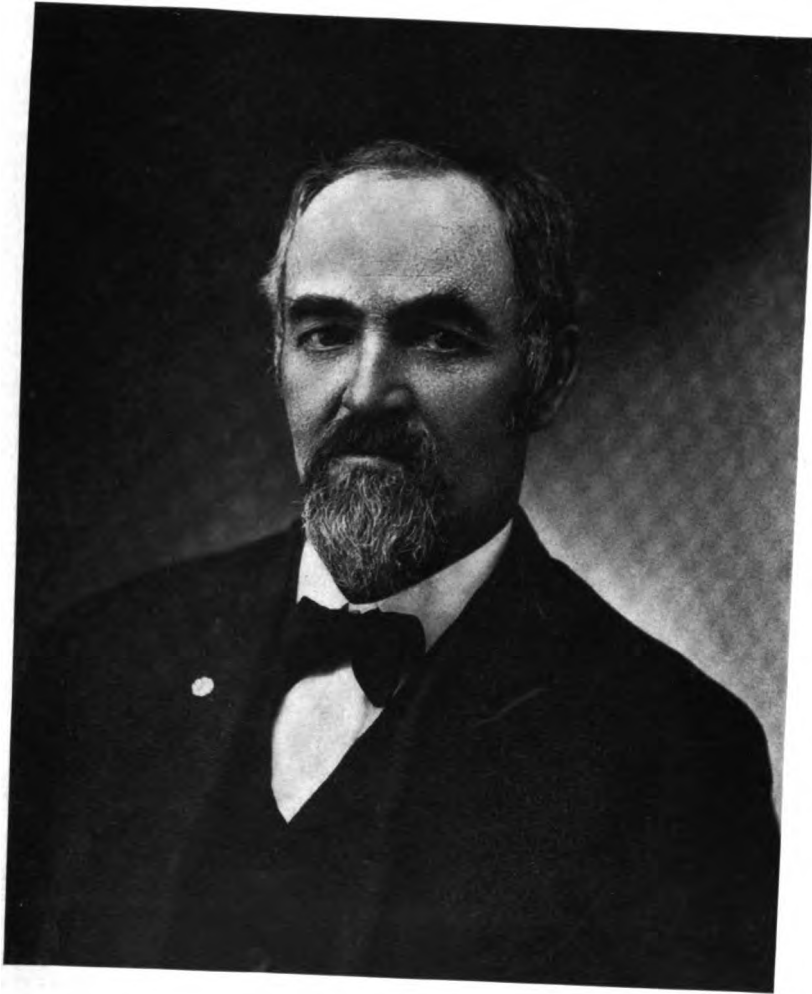
But ten years of age when his parents removed to this county, Morton F. Carpenter was here bred and educated. On attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, at first locating in Harrison township, not far from the old family homestead. Four years later he went to Muncie, where he resided for three years, after which he lived for nine years in Washington township. Returning December 23, 1902, to Harrison township, Mr. Carpenter has since been actively employed in farming and stock breeding and raising, having now one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land, the most of which is in a good state of culture. He takes great pride in his stock, keeping a fine grade of cattle and horses, at the head of the latter herd being the famous Belgian stallion "Rubis," an imported draft horse, whose registered number is 2648. His cattle are Durhams and short-horns, the finest grades raised in this part of the state.

Mr. Carpenter married September 25, 1886, Laura C. Ocker, who was born in Wells county, Indiana, January 9, 1866, a daughter of John and Annie M. (Wean) Ocker. John Ocker was a Virginian by birth, having been born in Rockingham county in 1821. Left fatherless when a boy, he came with his widowed mother to Henry county, Indiana, the slow journey being made with teams. The mother entered land in Henry county and with the help of her twelve children cleared and improved one of the finest homesteads in that vicinity, having at one time title to two hundred acres of land. She was a woman of rare courage and ability, and in the log cabin which she erected in the wilderness brought up her children wisely and well. Soon after starting in life for himself John Ocker opened a store near his mother's home, and after a few years in that place sold out and removed to Wells county, where he carried on farming for a number of years. Going then to Mount Summit, he erected a building for a store and residence, and for a while was there employed in mercantile business, and was likewise station agent for the Fort Wayne, Muncie and Richmond Railroad Company, the road being today known as the Lake Erie and Western railroad. Removing from there to Sulphur Springs, four miles





*Mrs Ambrose A Manning*



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to them, two of whom are living, namely, Sarah, wife of Edward Myers, and Laura C., wife of Mr. Carpenter. The father was a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church.

Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, one of whom, Omer, died at the age of seventeen years, and four are living, namely, Della May, John W., Roxanna and Charley B. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter belong to the Christian church and pay liberally toward its maintenance. In his political views Mr. Carpenter is a straightforward Republican.

**AMBROSE A. MANRING.** Prominent among the substantial representatives of the farming community in Harrison township is Ambrose A. Manring, who has been here engaged in his chosen vocation for twenty years, as a farmer meeting with most encouraging success. Throughout his years of residence in this vicinity he has ever evinced a warm interest in local progress and improvements, and has heartily endorsed all enterprises calculated to benefit the public. A native of Indiana, he was born September 21, 1850, in Bartholomew county, a son of the late James H. Manring.

Born in Kent county, Delaware, December 9, 1823, James H. Manring came with his parents to Franklin county, Indiana, in 1835, they, Ambrose and Nancy Manring, being among the earlier pioneers of that part of the state. He subsequently assisted his father in clearing the land, learning to wield the axe most dexterously, thus aptly illustrating the poet's description of the transformation that so rapidly followed the advent of the pioneer :

"The beech and elm and maple, and e'en the sturdy oak,  
All bowed beneath the power of the axe's cleaving stroke ;  
The red man moved afar, the forests disappeared,

And the prosp'ring pale-faced people their pleasant homesteads reared."

Finding farming a congenial occupation, he selected that as his life work. After becoming the head of a household he removed to Madison county, Indiana, bought land that was still in its virginal wilderness, built a log house, and again began the pioneer work of clearing and improving a homestead for himself and his growing family. A man of resolute will and determination, he met with success in his untiring efforts, and having placed a goodly portion of his homestead in a state of cultivation, erected a frame house, in which he spent his remaining days in comfort and pleasure, passing to the life beyond June 6, 1906. As a young man he was identified with the Democratic party, but during his later years was a strong Prohibitionist. He was a true Christian and a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. For a number of years he was connected with Alexandria Lodge No. 235, A. F. & A. M., and at his death was buried with Masonic honors.

In Franklin county, Indiana, December 25, 1845, James H. Manring married Mary Hammond, who was born January 8, 1830, in that county, and

died April 16, 1902. Six children blessed their union, as follows: Nathaniel, who married Virginia Garrison; Ambrose A., the subject of this sketch; Martha C., wife of John Spears; James W., who married Ellen Miller for his first wife, and married second Mrs. Alta (Blacklidge) Melburn; Ella N., wife of Sylvester Parker; and Edwin B., who married Emma Wiseheart.

Coming from thrifty Scotch ancestry on his father's side and from English ancestry on the Hammond side, his mother's earlier ancestors having migrated from England to New England, Ambrose A. Manring inherited many of the family traits of both parents. Industrious, active and energetic, he worked on the farm as a boy, obtaining his early education in the winter terms of the district school, remaining an inmate of the parental household until twenty-eight years old. Taking upon himself then the responsibilities of a married man, he embarked in general farming in Monroe township, Madison county. On October 13, 1886, he took up his residence in Harrison township, and having purchased eighty acres of land, took possession of the log cabin standing upon it and has since been here engaged in agricultural pursuits. With the Scotch thrift and English persistency of his ancestors he has labored unceasingly, and in the management of his property has met with substantial rewards. In 1899 Mr. Manring erected a modernly built frame house, and this, with the barn and outbuildings previously built, has added essentially to the value of his improvements. He is a general farmer, raising grain, fruit and stock of a good grade, his orchard containing one hundred and fifty trees which he has set out.

On October 2, 1878, Mr. Manring married Angelina Mabbitt, who was born June 2, 1855, in Madison county, Indiana, a daughter of Anthony Mabbitt. Mr. Mabbitt spent almost his entire sixty-three years of earthly life in Madison county, although his birth occurred in Union county, Indiana, December 28, 1824, and his death, May 4, 1888. When a young man he took up government land, and in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving a homestead met with phenomenal success. The small log cabin which he reared in the wilderness, and in which he and his bride began housekeeping, was replaced by a commodious frame house, equipped and furnished to meet the needs of the family, and he became one of the leading farmers of Madison county, at one time owning and managing two hundred and fifty acres of land. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, very prominent in public affairs, and for eight and one-half years served as a justice of the peace. He was a member in good standing of the Baptist church, and generously contributed towards its support. He married Sarah J. Caulgan May 6, 1847, who was born December 19, 1827, and she bore him twelve children, of whom six survive, as follows: Granville, who married Nancy Long; Angelina, wife of Mr. Manring; Amanda; Rebecca,

D., who married Dora E. Lewis; Homer W., who married Carrie Beck; Lenna; Winona, wife of Lloyd McCreery; Mary J., and Eric Hammond. Hubert D. completed the common school course and received his diploma in 1895, and he also spent one term in Valparaiso College. Homer W. completed the common school course in the year of 1897 and received his diploma. Lenna completed her course in the common schools with the class of 1900, and then took two years' high school work in Bethel High school. She has taken both vocal and instrumental music. Winona completed her common school course with the class of 1900, and also received the same course in the Bethel High school as her sister Lenna. Mary completed her course with the class of 1904, and she also finished the Gaston high school course with the class of 1907. Eric is in the seventh grade of the public schools. He is a lover of history. Mr. Manring is prominent in local fraternal organizations, and does much to promote the good of the orders to which he belongs. He was formerly a member of Alexandria Lodge No. 235, A. F. & A. M., and now belongs to Bethel Lodge No. 731, I. O. O. F., and to Lincoln Rebekah Lodge, No. 563, of Bethel, of which his wife and two of his daughters, Lenna E. and Mary Jane, are also members. In this lodge Miss Lenna E. Manring has held all of the offices. Mr. and Mrs. Manring are both faithful members of the Christian church.

HENRY CLEVINGER. A life-long resident of Delaware county, well known as a citizen of worth, Henry Clevenger has been closely identified with the advancement of its agricultural interests, and is now one of the most highly respected and prosperous farmers of Harrison township. A son of the late Thomas Clevenger, he was born September 26, 1850, in Mount Pleasant township, this county, and was there brought up and educated.

A native of Ohio, Thomas Clevenger was born in Licking county in February, 1824. Coming with his parents to Indiana, he was one of the early pioneers of Delaware county, and ably assisted his father in his brave efforts to reclaim a homestead from the wild land which he took up from the government. Embarking in life as a farmer, he was at first located in Mount Pleasant township, but some time in the early seventies removed to Gaston, this county, where he carried on general farming until his death, in 1897. He was patriotic and public spirited, and during the Civil war served in the Union army for a year. He was a Democrat in politics, and a valued member of the New Light Christian church. He married Mary Myers, who was born in 1832, in Licking county, Ohio, and died on the home farm in Gaston in 1895. Seven children were born to them, and six are now living, namely: Henry, the subject of this brief sketch, James, Johanna, Martha, Christina and David.

saved enough money to warrant him in purchasing land on his own account, and with that object in view came to Harrison township to locate. Buying a farm on section twenty-two, Mr. Clevenger has since been busily engaged in its management, meeting with signal success in his undertakings. It was in 1906 that he erected his comfortable residence and splendid barn, at a cost of \$3,000. Laboring with earnest purpose, he has secured a competence, being well rewarded for his years of toil. He is now in the prime of life, active, energetic, with a clear head for business, and is a prominent factor in the industrial interests of this part of the county.

On October 27, 1876, Mr. Clevenger married Martha E. Branson, who was born in this township December 29, 1861, a daughter of the late John H. Branson. A native of Delaware county, Mr. Branson was born February 10, 1831, and for many years of his active life was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Harrison township, having cleared and improved a homestead from land which he took up from the government. One of the early and practical farmers of this township, he was largely instrumental in advancing its growth and prosperity, and his death, May 10, 1902, was a great loss to the community. He married, in Harrison township, Mary A. Fox, who was born in Kentucky March 16, 1836, and died in Cammack November 19, 1899. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom seven are now living, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Charles St. Clair; Sarah, wife of John Conner; Martha E., wife of Mr. Clevenger; George W., who married Emma Murphy; Joseph, who married Emma Coplinger; Edward, who married Myrtle Cunnigum, and Flora, wife of Robert Van Buskirk. Mr. Branson was identified with the Whigs in early life, but after the organization of the Republican party stanchly supported its principles. Both he and his wife belonged to the New Light Christian church, in which he was for many years a deacon. Seven children have been born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clevenger, namely: Wesley, who died when but thirteen years old, John, who died in infancy, Jesse, Clinton, Mary, Joseph and Bessie. True to the political and religious faith in which he was trained, Mr. Clevenger is a Democrat and belongs to the New Light Christian church. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Eaton.

SPENCER H. BENADUM. In reviewing the early history of Delaware county it will be found that one of the first men to seek a home within its borders was Allen Benadum, the father of Spencer H. It was in the fall of 1840 that he first came here, but after looking the county over he returned to his native commonwealth of Ohio, where his birth had occurred on the 5th of October, 1819, in Fairfield, Lancaster county, but two years after his first visit he came again to Delaware county, Indiana, this time purchasing eighty acres of timber land in Harrison township. Returning later to Ohio, he for the third time made the journey west. This was in the fall of 1848, and he made the trip to Delaware county with team and wagon, accom-

panied by his wife and six children. They established their home in Muncie and Mr. Benadum resumed his trade of blacksmithing, on High street. In the spring of 1883 he erected a brick shop on East Main street, and there he diligently worked at his trade until he purchased in the fall of 1856 eighty acres of land in Harrison township, adjoining his first purchase, and later he added one hundred and sixty acres more to the boundaries of his estate. In the fall of the same year he transferred his residence from Muncie to his farm, their first home being a little log cabin, but later on this gave place to a frame residence, which was destroyed by fire on the 4th of March, 1866. A log house was then built in its place, and during all this time Mr. Benadum and his sons were actively engaged in clearing the land and preparing it for the plow. In addition to his general farming Mr. Benadum was also extensively engaged in the breeding of Chester White and Poland China hogs. He was successful in his business operation, and Delaware county numbered this pious Christian man among her most honored pioneer residents. For over fifty years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was also an active worker in the Sons of Temperance. He gave his political support to the Whig party and cast his vote for the first presidential candidate of its successor, John C. Fremont. In his native city of Fairfield, Ohio, February 15, 1838, Mr. Benadum married Susannah R. Ebright, born in Fairfield December 18, 1816, and they became the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, but only four are now living: Spencer H., the subject of this review; Almira O., the widow of Dillard Drake; Mary E., the wife of John Gerard, and William E., who married Rosa Green. The death of Mr. Benadum occurred on his homestead farm in Harrison township January 9, 1893, and on the 18th of December of the same year his wife joined him in the home beyond. She too was a worthy member of the Methodist church, her name having been on its membership role during the long period of fifty-nine years.

Spencer H. Benadum was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, June 21, 1846, and as a boy he worked with his father, assisting him to carry the brick for the erection of the little building in which he so long carried on his trade, and after the removal of the family to Harrison township he assisted in clearing the homestead from its dense growth of timber, working on the farm during the summer months and attending school in the winters. Soon after his first marriage he engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself, but later left the farm and from the fall of 1878 until the fall of 1879 he was engaged in the meat business in Osborn City, Kansas. At the close of that period he returned to Muncie, and after his second marriage removed to his farm in Harrison township, this being in the year of 1880, and he has since devoted his entire attention to its cultivation and improvement with the exception of two years, from 1886 to 1888, when he resided in Muncie. During the period of the Civil war Mr. Benadum put aside personal considerations and offered his services to his country's cause, becoming a member on the 13th of December, 1863, of Company G, One Hundred and

Twenty-first Regiment of the Ninth Indiana Cavalry, enlisting for three years or during the war. During his military career he participated in the battles of Pulaski, Tennessee, September 10 and 28, 1864; Wilson's Pike, December 1, 1864; Granny White Pike, December 16, 1864; Nashville, Tennessee, December 15, 1864; Franklin, Tennessee, December 17, 1864; Little Harper on the night of December 17, 1864, and also in many skirmishes. His brave and loyal service as a defender of the Union now entitles him to membership in Lookout Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of Gaston, and he is a stanch Republican in his political affiliations.

On the 22d of October, 1868, Mr. Benadum married Miss Alice Conner, who was born in Harrison township and who after a happy married life of eleven years was called to the home beyond in 1879. Of her three children only two are now living, Hattie, the wife of James Barker, and Stella, the wife of David Flora. On the 20th of June, 1880, Mr. Benadum wedded Miss Cora E. Milhollin, who was born in Shelby county, Ohio, June 22, 1861, a daughter of Edward J. and Jennie E. (Holmes) Milhollin. Six children have been born of this union: Jennie, the wife of Marion Drumm; Susan, who became the wife of Arthur Brown; Minnie, the wife of Ralph Cecil; Clarence E., Allen and Walter. Mr. Milhollin, the father of Mrs. Benadum, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 19, 1830, and after entering upon his business life he spent some time in farming and contracting in Sidney of his native state. In 1876 he came from Ohio to Indiana and located in Muncie, where he became a contractor on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. On the 2d of May, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Regiment, with which he served until his discharge September 10, 1864. After returning from the army he began contracting in ditches, thus continuing until his return to Ohio, and after a sojourn in that state of five years he came again to Indiana. In Shelby county, Ohio, he married Jennie E. Holmes, who was born in Fairfield county of that state December 14, 1834, and her death occurred on the 10th of June, 1881. Mr. Milhollin survived his wife until the 6th of July, 1899. They became the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, and the four now living are Thomas, Cora E., Minnie, the wife of William Case, and Samuel, who married Pearl Fry. Mr. Milhollin, the father, was a member of the United Brethren church, while his wife was a life-long member of the Methodist denomination, and in his political affiliations he was a Jackson Democrat. Both Mr. and Mrs. Benadum are members of prominent pioneer families of Delaware county, and worthily they bear the name of an honorable ancestry.

EMMITT MULLIN was born in Henry county, Indiana, November 30, 1849, a son of John S. and Margaret (Emmitt) Mullin. John S. Mullin was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1797, and departed this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. M. Vestal, in Newcastle, Henry county, Indiana, July 12, 1887, aged ninety years, one month and

nine days. He moved from Pennsylvania to Hamilton county, Ohio, with his parents in the year of 1811, at the age of fifteen, where he continued his home until the year of 1823. In that year he was joined in marriage to Hulda Struble, and they had four children, one son and three daughters. From Ohio he removed to Indiana in the year of 1830, and on the 29th of March of that year entered eighty acres of land east of Newcastle and moved onto it on the 29th of the following April. On the 3d of November following his wife died, leaving him with four children and in a wilderness home. He was again married February 14, 1833, to Margaret Emmitt, who was born in Ohio and died October 5, 1885. Of their ten children, six sons and four daughters, two sons and one daughter preceded him to the home beyond, and five are now living: Jane, the widow of M. M. Vestal; David, who married Laura Williams; Annie, the wife of Charles Ball; Emmitt, the subject of this review; and Ruamy, the wife of John W. Abbott.

Mr. Mullin continued his home on the farm entered in 1830 until he went to live with his son James in the city, October 7, 1885, and just one year later he went to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vestal. As a husband and father he was kind and tender, and those who were the objects of his care in their infancy and youth will ever cherish the memory of a kind father. As a citizen he was honest in all his dealings and generous as a neighbor. He never formally connected himself with any church but was a great reader of the Bible and accepted it as a revelation from God. He assisted in erecting the first courthouse in Henry county, and he also burned the brick with which to erect his residence, this superseding the old log house erected in the wilderness. Henry county numbered him among her most honored pioneer residents. He was a Jefferson Democrat politically.

During his boyhood days Emmitt Mullin worked with his father on the farm, laboring in the fields during the summer months and attending school in the winters. Thus he continued until 1885, when he purchased the farm where he now lives and continued his agricultural labors until his removal to Muncie to embark in the grocery business. This was in 1897, and for about seven months he continued that business with his son Arthur. In 1905 he became interested in the dairy business, and has but recently closed out his business as a dairyman.

On the 1st of October, 1871, Mr. Mullin was united in marriage to Sarah Bicknell, who was born in Newcastle, Henry county, Indiana, October 10, 1851, the daughter of Darling and Frances (Anderson) Bicknell, both of whom were born in North Carolina, the father on the 19th of March, 1817, and the mother in July, 1812. They were married in Newcastle, Indiana, and of their eight children all are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Mullin, the youngest of the family. Mr. Bicknell, the father, came with his parents, Randolph and Mary Bicknell, to Indiana in 1822, when five years of age, the family home being established three miles south of Newcastle, where the little lad grew to years of maturity and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1876 he sold his interests in Newcastle and went

to Nashville, Tennessee, there resuming his mercantile business, and he died there at the age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Bicknell died February 21, 1900. He was a member of Newcastle Lodge, I. O. O. F., a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a Jefferson Democrat politically.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mullin—John A. and Floyd. The elder is engaged in the meat business in Muncie, and he married Ophia Chalfant. Mrs. Mullin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her husband of the United Brethren, and he is a stanch Republican in his political views.

FRANCIS H. BENADUM. When Francis H. Benadum passed away on the 15th of July, 1902, one more name was added to the list of honored dead of Delaware county. He was a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families, but his birth occurred in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 26, 1844, a son of Allen and Susannah Benadum. He remained at home with his parents until eighteen years of age, and then with all the ardor of youth he offered his services to his country's cause in her Civil war, enlisting for three months, and at the close of that period he veteranized on the 9th of March, 1864, for three years or during the war as a member of Company F, First Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, heavy artillery, and was discharged at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 5, 1866, for his term of enlistment had expired and the war had closed. Coming thence to Muncie, Indiana, Mr. Benadum engaged in the teaming business, but later selling his interests in that occupation he embarked in the restaurant business and continued as the proprietor of an eating house for six years. At the close of that period he removed to a farm of fifty-three and a third acres in Harrison township, on which he erected a valuable residence, and there spent the remainder of his life. He was honored and revered in the county in which he so long made his home, and in his death the community mourned the loss of one of its best known citizens. In political matters he voted with the Republican party.

On the 29th of April, 1866, Mr. Benadum was united in marriage to Ellen Sullivan, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Irvin in Muncie. She was born in County Kerry, Ireland, August 10, 1846, a daughter of Michael and Ellen (Moriarity) Sullivan, both of whom also claimed that county as the place of their nativity. The father died in 1849, when his daughter was but three years of age, and in 1854, when she was but a little maiden of eight years, her mother was called to the home beyond, dying in Muncie, Indiana. She came to the United States in a sailing ship in 1850, and, landing in New York city, she spent a short time in the metropolis, and then continued her journey to Newport, Rhode Island. There, strange

Michael Quinland, and he is now living in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Ellen, who became the wife of Mr. Benadum. She made the voyage to the United States by sailing ship in 1851, when but five years of age, in company with a cousin. Four weeks were spent on the ocean, and after landing in the harbor of New York they went to Newport to join her mother. With her mother and stepfather Mrs. Benadum came to Muncie, Indiana. She there gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Benadum, and they became the parents of three children: Minnie, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Charles E.; and Don H., who married Mary Johnson.

OSCAR O. BOXELL. Occupying a position of prominence among the leading agriculturists of Harrison township is Oscar O. Boxell, a man of energetic determination and excellent business qualifications, who readily puts his best efforts into everything he undertakes. He was born October 21, 1872, in Michigan, Indiana, a son of the late Rev. George W. Boxell. He is descended from an honored pioneer family, being the grandson of Joseph Boxell, who came from Virginia to Indiana in 1836, locating in Van Buren township, Grant county, where he was the fourth householder, there having previously been but three log cabins erected in that vicinity.

Born in Virginia January 16, 1833, George W. Boxell was but three years old when he was brought across the country to this state. Although bred in the wilderness, he had a natural aptitude for books, and took advantage of every opportunity offered for adding to his knowledge. He assisted his parents in the tedious work of clearing a homestead from the forests, which at that time were inhabited by Indians, bears, wolves, and wild beasts of every description. As a youth he became interested in religion, and at the age of nineteen years entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant church. Beginning his duties as an itinerant, he traveled over long stretches of territory, making his way through the wilderness from place to place by the means of blazed trees, the modes of traveling in those days being in strange contrast to those now employed. In this capacity he led a busy and useful life for nearly a quarter of a century, by his ministry giving comfort and good cheer to hundreds of people, and extending and advancing the Master's cause. Receiving a call from the First Methodist Protestant church of Indianapolis in 1876, Rev. Mr. Boxell remained there four years, and then went to Muncie, where he held a pastorate eight years. Going then to Elwood, he remained there until 1892, when he accepted a call to Anderson. In 1896, his health failing, he retired from the ministry, locating in Harrison township, on the farm which he had purchased in 1859. Turning his attention to outdoor pursuits, Mr. Boxell carried on general farming to some extent, and although not able to preach regularly was often called upon to conduct funeral services, in the course of his life preaching more than seventeen hundred funeral sermons. In politics he was a Jefferson and Jackson Democrat, and served one term as trustee of Harrison township. He died December 5, 1905, loved and respected by all.

Rev. George Boxell was twice married. He married first January 16, 1858, Rhoda McKeever, who was born near Marion, Grant county, Indiana, in 1836, and died January 10, 1880, in Muncie. She bore him six children, of whom Oscar O., the special subject of this sketch, is the only one living. He married second, July 26, 1882, Emma Thompson, who was born October 18, 1862, and is now living in Muncie. They had but one child, Estella L., now the wife of Carl Rees.

Brought up on the home farm, Oscar O. Boxell was given excellent educational advantages, and when ready to embark upon an active career accepted a position with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with which he was associated until 1905, for four years being superintendent of the office at Muncie, and also having charge of other branch offices of that company. Locating in 1905 on the old homestead, Mr. Boxell at once erected the fine, modernly equipped and furnished home that he now occupies, and has since devoted his energies to agriculture. He makes a specialty of stock raising, keeping Duroc hogs, and a good grade of horses and cows. On the 15th of October, 1907, he lost his barn by fire, and is now erecting a new barn thirty by sixty feet and covered with sheet steel.

On May 13, 1893, Mr. Boxell married Bessie Hoffman, who was born in Salem township, this county, May 9, 1875, a daughter of William C. and Mary (Lambert) Hoffman, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume. Three children have come to bless this union, namely: Wilbur B., who died in infancy; Lois E. and George W. Politically Mr. Boxell supports the principles of the Democratic party by voice and vote. Religiously he belongs to the Methodist Protestant church, of which his wife is also a member. Fraternally he is a member of Welcome Lodge, No. 37, K. of P., of Muncie.

NATHAN A. MCCREERY is a member of one of Delaware county's prominent pioneer families and is a native son of its township of Harrison, his natal day being the 25th of September, 1859, and his parents Thomas and Catherine (Brown) McCreery. His boyhood days were spent in assisting his father to clear the homestead farm from a wilderness, working in the fields during the summer months and pursuing his educational training in the district schools in the winters. Thus his time was employed until he reached his twenty-first year, when he began farming for himself on a part of the old home farm, receiving eighty acres of timber land from his father. With his young wife he took up his abode in a little log cabin which stood upon the place, and he began the arduous task of clearing his land and placing it under cultivation. This little cabin home continued to shelter them for eleven years, when it was burned and they lost their all in the fire. The pleasant and commodious dwelling which now adorns the homestead was soon built, and with the passing years Mr. McCreery has succeeded in clearing his land with the exception of ten acres, and his fields are under an

excellent state of cultivation. He follows general farming and stock raising.

On the 27th of December, 1883, Mr. McCreery married Nettie V. Trout. She was born in Washington township, Delaware county, Indiana, July 29, 1864, the daughter of Hannibal and Barbara (Wharton) Trout, both natives of Licking county, Ohio, the father born January 24, 1830, and the mother April 17, 1834. They were married on the 4th of April, 1853, and became the parents of eleven children, six now living: Leroy S., who is married; Derilus, who married Martha Miller; William L., who married Emily McCreery; Nettie V., the wife of Nathan A. McCreery; Lois A.; and Frank O. Mr. Trout, the father, came to Indiana in 1851 and secured a farm of heavily timbered land in Harrison township, of which he cleared about forty acres, and later removed to Washington township and there purchased ninety acres of land. After residing there for about five or six years he sold the land and in 1891 came to Gaston, his present home. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations and has served as a road supervisor. Mrs. Trout died on the 30th of May, 1907. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCreery: William C., Delrey, Effie F., Ina C., Edna E. and George Washington. The eldest son, William C. McCreery, married Elsie Rector, the daughter of James A. Rector, and they have one daughter, Thelma Fern. The fifth child in order of birth, Edna E., died in infancy. Mr. McCreery votes with the Republican party, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife and their two daughters, Effie and Ina.

ALEXANDER HIATT. A representative agriculturist of Harrison township, Alexander Hiatt has met with excellent results in his farming operations, his fine and well appointed estate giving substantial evidence of the good care and skill with which it is managed. A native of Indiana, he was born August 25, 1857, in Henry county, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, the late Solomon Hiatt.

A son of John and Charity Hiatt, Solomon Hiatt was born December 20, 1833. In his boyhood days he assisted in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving a homestead from the wilderness, and as a young man engaged in farming on his own account. Soon after choosing his life companion he bought land in Delaware county, and from that time until his death, which occurred July 17, 1906, he carried on general farming ably and successfully. He was influential in public affairs, and for eight years served as a justice of the peace. In his earlier years he was a Whig, but in 1856 he cast his presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and from that time was identified with the Republican party. For thirty-nine years he was a Mason, belonging to the lodge in Alexandria. On November 10, 1856, he married Elizabeth McColleston, who was born in Delaware county, October 13, 1839, and died on the home farm July 31, 1906, surviving him but two short weeks. She was a woman of many virtues, and one whose daily life

was in harmony with the Master's teachings, as a member of the Christian church, with which she united at the age of seventeen years, being true to the faith which she professed. Of the eleven children born of their marriage, four daughters have passed to the higher life, and five sons and two daughters are now living. She had, also, at the time of her death twenty-eight grandchildren living, and four great-grandchildren.

Brought up on the home farm, Alexander Hiatt, in common with his brothers and sisters, attended the district school winters, and during the days of his youth and young manhood was practically educated in the work of general husbandry. At that time the toils of the field were arduous and almost endless, the labor-saving machinery of today being unknown, and to successfully manage a farm required incessant industry, energetic perseverance and good judgment. Proving himself possessed of all these requirements, Mr. Hiatt chose farming as his occupation, and, with the exception of four years spent in the glass factory of Ball Brothers, manufacturers of fruit jars, has been employed in agricultural pursuits. From the thrifty appearance of his farm it is evident that he takes pride in his business, his land being finely improved, and amply supplied with all the accessories of a first-class estate.

Mr. Hiatt married, October 4, 1883, Sarah A. DeLong, who was born March 16, 1865, in Washington township, Delaware county, a daughter of the late Chauncey DeLong. Mr. DeLong was born February 1, 1831, in Ohio. As a young man he came to Indiana, located in Delaware county, where he took up land in pioneer days, and from that time until his death, December 14, 1879, was engaged in tilling the soil. He was a man of much worth, a patriotic and loyal citizen, and during the Civil war served as a soldier, valiantly performing his duty in camp and field. His second wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Ann Hayden, was born in this county January 18, 1837, and here spent her life, passing away January 1, 1880. She bore him five children, four of whom are living, namely: Sarah A., wife of Mr. Hiatt; Minnie, Ollie and George. By his first wife, Margaret Hiatt, who was born in Ohio and died in Indiana, Mr. DeLong had five children also, and of these four survive, as follows: Orson, Frances, Samantha and John. Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt are the parents of four children, namely: Minnie, wife of Thornton E. Hadden; Charles F., Flossie V. and Reba M. Politically Mr. Hiatt is a staunch Republican and fraternally he was a charter member of Muncie Tribe, No. 144, I. O. R. M., and now belongs to Caux Tribe, No. 123, I. O. R. M., of Gaston.

Mary (Cary) Rector. Further parental and ancestral history may be found elsewhere in this work, in connection with the sketch of Arthur Rector.

As a boy, while working with his father, James A. Rector became familiar with all the hard labor connected with the clearing and improving of heavily timbered land. At this he worked during the summer seasons, while in winter he attended the district school, the longest term that he ever regularly attended having been one of four months. When twenty-two years old he began the battle of life for himself, taking charge of thirty acres of his father's farm. He planted two acres of potatoes, devoting the remainder to corn, and one-third of all he raised belonged to him, while his father had two-thirds. His father gave him a colt, and he bought another, and the following year he carried on forty acres of land. In 1875 Mr. Rector bought forty acres of his present farm, moved into the log cabin that stood upon it, and continued his agricultural labors. In 1880 he added to his original tract by the purchase of twenty acres of land, and in 1882 bought an additional twenty acres, his purchases showing the good success with which he had met as a tiller of the soil. In 1902 he erected the fine house which he now occupies, this with the other substantial improvements which he has made upon the place rendering it one of the most valuable and attractive of any in Harrison township.

Mr. Rector married, December 30, 1873, Cordelia J. Cary, who was born in Perry township, Delaware county, October 29, 1855. Her father, John W. Cary, came to Delaware county from Ohio, where he was born, in early manhood, being a pioneer settler of this section of the state. He cleared a farm from the wilderness, and also worked at his trade of a stonemason and manufactured brick to some extent. He was a man of versatile talents, possessing great mechanical ability, and while working at his trade took contracts and erected many buildings in this county, including among others several school houses and also the church at Philadelphia, Hancock county. He was a man of sterling integrity, a member of the United Brethren church from his boyhood, and in politics was a Republican. He married Elizabeth Hutchins, who was born in Delaware county. Eight children were born to them, seven of whom are living, namely: Cordelia, J., wife of Mr. Rector; John, who married Stella Rector; Charles, who married Alta Chalfant; Franklin, who married Sarah Backsley; Cory, wife of George Benadum; Samuel, who married Ola McCreery; and Hester, wife of Walter Bryan. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Cary are living, he having passed to the life beyond in October, 1888, aged fifty-two years, and Mrs. Cary, who survived him, having died August 3, 1898, aged sixty-two years. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rector ten children have been born, namely: Ida F., wife of Edmund Rowlett; Edna P., wife of John T. Clark; Dorsy C., who married Edith Vanmeter; Curtis V., who married Bessie Jennings; Dott E., wife of William McCreery; Opal B.; Chad; Bertha B., who died at the age of twelve years; Glennie, who died at the age of six years; and Virgal, who died at the age of four years. In hearty sympathy with every

practical effort made to promote and advance the welfare of town or county, Mr. Rector never shirks the responsibilities of office, and for eight years has served as supervisor. Politically he is a firm adherent of the Republican party. Religiously he is a member of the United Brethren church, as is also his wife, and is very active in the organization, in 1891 joining the Conference, and in 1894 being ordained as minister.

ARTHUR RECTOR. The life history of Arthur Rector is closely identified with the history of Delaware county, which has been his home for three score years and ten. When he was but a little lad of ten years his parents with their family came from Ohio to Delaware county, Indiana, making the journey with team and wagon, and throughout the years which have since come and gone he has been closely allied with the interests and upbuilding of the county.

Mr. Rector was born in Clark county, Ohio, near Northampton, June 12, 1827, a son of Jonathan and Mary (Downing) Rector, both of whom were also born in Clark county. There they were married, and their union was blessed with eleven children, but only two of this large number are now living, Arthur, the eldest of the eleven children, and Eliza, who has been three times married, but her husbands are all now deceased and she is living in Oklahoma. About 1837 Jonathan Rector came with his wife and children to Delaware county, and as above stated located seven miles southeast of Muncie, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in the wilderness, his nearest neighbors in those early days being the Indians and wild animals. The first home of the family was a little log cabin, but this in time gave place to a modern frame residence, the first frame house of the locality, but Mr. Rector later sold this homestead and purchased the farm where his son Arthur now lives. There he spent the remainder of his life and died at the age of seventy-four years. He inscribed his name high on the roll of Delaware county's pioneers, and his name is honored and revered as one of its foremost founders. He was a member of the United Brethren church, and politically was a Jefferson Democrat until he cast his vote for John C. Fremont and the Republican party. Mrs. Rector died at the age of seventy-four years.

The boyhood days of Arthur Rector were spent with his father on the home farm, assisting in its clearing and cultivation and at the same time pursuing his educational training in the district schools. The first work which he performed after his marriage was the splitting of three thousand fence rails, receiving in compensation twenty-five cents a hundred, and at the time of his marriage his cash capital consisted of but fifty cents, his possessions now representing earnest and unceasing labor. After working for others about four or five years he purchased forty acres of timber land, erecting in the dense woods a little log cabin of the most primitive kind. Its furnishings were equally as crude, and its first bedstead was built by boring holes in the side of the cabin, in which were inserted poles with

uprights, while stripped hickory elm was tied across the poles to support the straw mattress. The farm was located in Perry township, and with the passing years he added to his original purchase until he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, which he sold in 1882 for eight thousand dollars. Coming thence to Harrison township he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, later adding sixty acres thereto, thus making him the owner of two hundred and twenty acres. In 1883 he erected the pleasant and commodious residence which now adorns the homestead. In 1906 he laid aside the cares of an active business life and is now living retired. In 1862 Mr. Rector entered the ministry of the United Brethren in Christ, and has ever since been an active laborer in the cause of Christianity. During twenty-seven years he traveled a circuit in the interests of his church. His first presidential vote was cast for Martin Van Buren, and since then he has supported the principles of the Republican party.

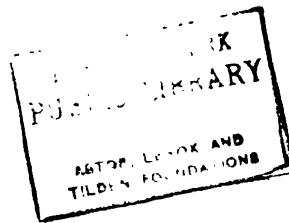
On the 3d of December, 1846, Mr. Rector married Mary Cary, who was born in Sidney, Ohio, March 7, 1831, a daughter of William and Hannah (Jackson) Cary, and her death occurred on the 25th of July, 1903, after becoming the mother of eleven children, the nine now living being Charles W., Marcus C., James, Mary E., Barbara C., Annis, John E., Elmetta F. and William A. Mr. Rector married for his second wife Mary Amanda Dines, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, February 14, 1842, a daughter of William and Rebecca (Wadman) Johnson, the former of whom was a native of Wayne county, Indiana, and the latter of Maryland. Their deaths occurred, respectively, in 1842 and August 26, 1851, the mother being but twenty-eight years of age when death claimed her. Mrs. Rector is their only child, and she was first married to John L. Dine March 15, 1873. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, October 28, 1850, and died on the 27th of October, 1890. One daughter, Elva R., was born of this union, and she died at the age of seventeen years, August 20, 1892.

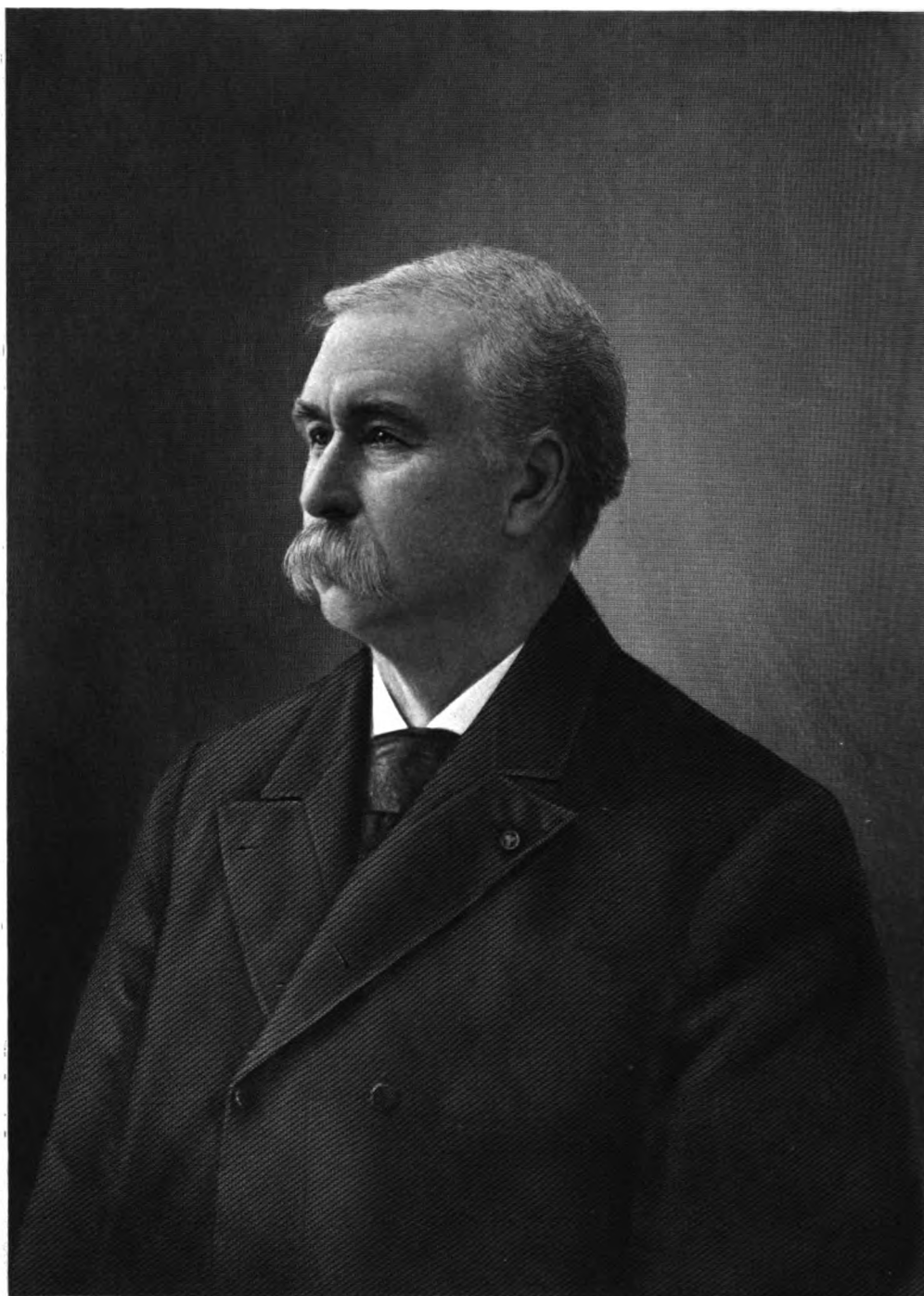
WILLIAM H. BROWN bears an honorable record for service in the Civil war and Delaware county also numbers him among her prominent agriculturists and business men. He was born in Clinton county, Ohio, March 12, 1844. His father, Joseph S. Brown, claimed Pennsylvania as the commonwealth of his nativity, born March 20, 1819, but when a boy of fourteen years he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. He continued as a farmer in that state until his removal with his family to Indiana in 1852, first purchasing forty acres of timber land in Harrison township, and in the little round log cabin which stood upon the land the family began their pioneer life in the Hoosier state. The country was then new and wild, without roads and the other improvements of the present day, but as the years grew apace and the country became more thickly settled conditions changed, and in the meantime Mr. Brown cleared his

land and added forty acres to its boundaries, while in time the little log cabin gave place to a more commodious frame residence. There this Delaware county pioneer spent his remaining days and died on the 7th of March, 1905. He was a lifelong farmer and for a number of terms served his fellow townsmen as a supervisor. He upheld the principles of the Democratic party and was a member of the New Light Christian church for about thirty years. During his residence in Ohio, on the 8th of September, 1841, Mr. Brown married Mary (Jones) Taylor, who was born in Virginia August 20, 1809, and she died in Harrison township February 9, 1891. She was twice married, first wedding James Taylor, by whom she had six children, and two are now living—Sarah, the widow of James Goodrich and a resident of Hartford City, and George W., who married Susan Clevenger. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown two are now living, William H., the subject of this review, and Eliza Jane, the wife of W. T. Downing, of Harrison township.

William H. Brown was but a lad of eight years when the family home was established in Delaware county, and during his boyhood days he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, attending school during the winter months. In his eighteenth year, on the 1st of August, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, for six months, and was discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana, March 1, 1864. Re-enlisting in Company D, Sixteenth Regiment of Mounted Infantry, October 21, 1863, he was later transferred to Company I, Thirteenth Regiment of Indiana Cavalry, October 24, 1864, and was discharged at Jackson, Mississippi, October 23, 1865, by reason of the expiration of his term of service. During his military career he participated in the battles of Walker's Ford, Blue Spring, Greenville and in many skirmishes, and after his return from the war he resumed his agricultural labors and soon located on the farm where he now resides in Harrison township, prominently engaged in general farming and stock raising. In 1897 he remodeled his residence and his homestead is now one of the best in the locality.

On November 13, 1871, Mr. Brown married Miss Rachel M. Coffen, who was born in Harrison township, Delaware county, September 13, 1849, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Reed) Coffen. The father was born in Fayette county, Indiana, November 21, 1812, from whence he removed to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1845 or 1846, purchasing land from his father, Samuel Coffen, in Harrison township. This land had been formerly entered from the government. The little log cabin in which Mr. Coffen first made his home in Harrison township was later replaced by a frame residence,





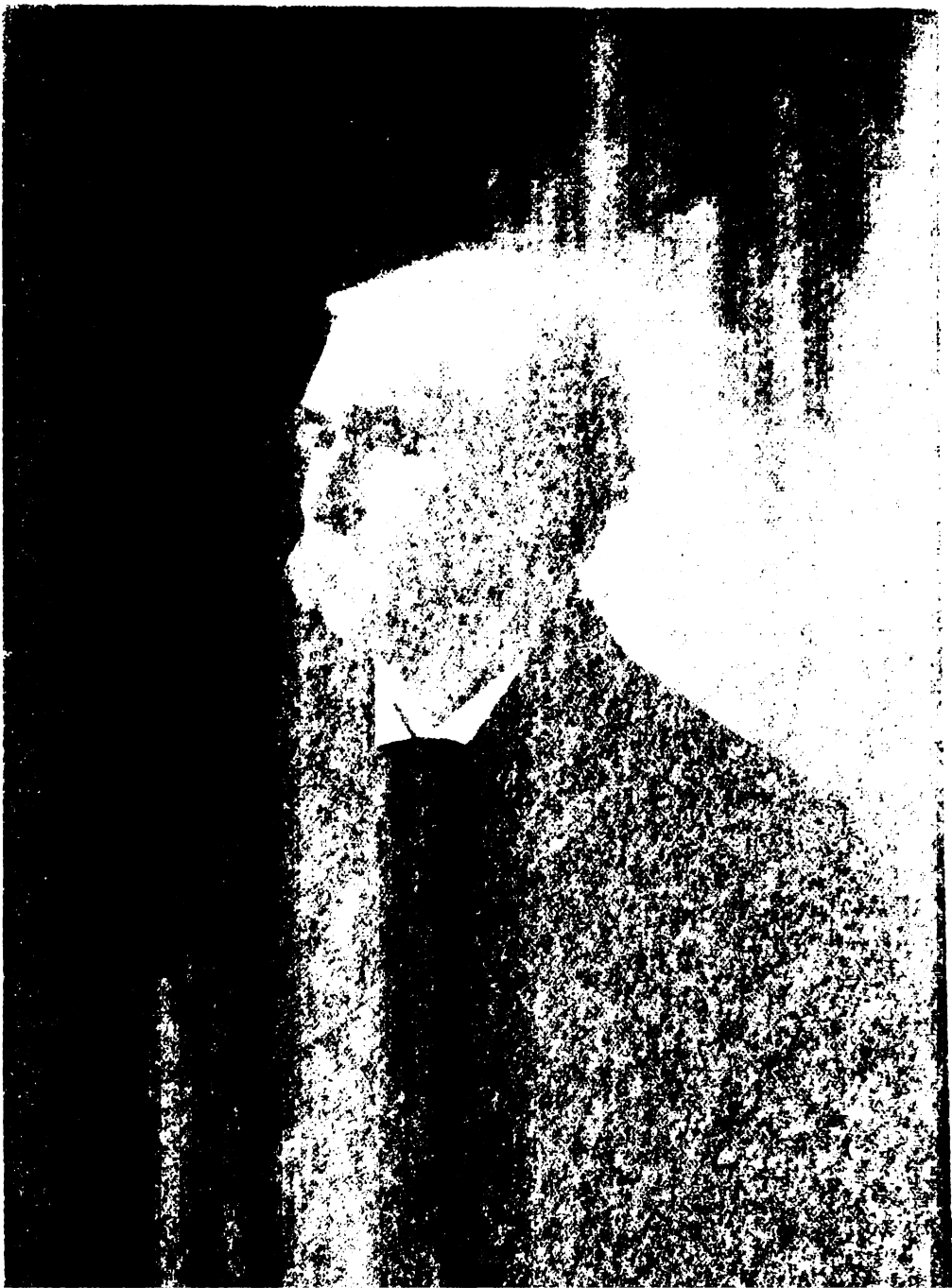
*John M. Bloss*

parents of five children, of whom two are now living, namely, John S. Brown. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, namely, Mary A., the wife of James McCreery; Mary E., the wife of George C. Brown; Arthur, who married Susan Bonafant, and a daughter, who is now an orphan, and is being reared by Mr. Brown's active supporters. Mr. Brown's membership relations with the Independent Order of Foresters, the Grand Army Post in Gaston. He and his wife are members of the Methodist brethren church.

JOHN McKNIGHT Bloss, deceased, patriot, soldier, educator, and politician, was a native of Indiana, born in Washington township, Hamilton county, Indiana, on the 21st of January, 1839, and his death occurred on the 25th of May, 1905, at his late home in Hamilton township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. He was the only son of Isaac Scott and Agnes McKnight, and had two sisters, Elizabeth J. and Margaret A., and two half sisters by the father's second marriage. From the records of Mr. Bloss it is found that the progenitor of this family was Edmund Bloss, who came from England about 1630, and settled in the town of Woburn, Massachusetts. He had two sons, the first named Richard, jun., and the last named was the father of John Bloss, son Samuel, and he became the father of Dorman Bloss, who was the father of John M. Bloss. Dorman Bloss and his sons resided in Washington county, Indiana.

In his youth John M. Bloss assisted his father in the operation of a saw mill, and was permitted to spend a few winters in the schools of the early pioneer schools, which he met with considerable success, but with indomitable energy he continued to read and study his books, making his own way so far as to attend the common school, and then teaching, beginning at the age of sixteen years. In the year of 1854 he entered upon his college course at the University of the State of New York, where he spent at Hamden, teaching, and then at the University of the State of New York, where he graduated in 1859 with honors. He then returned to his home in Indiana, and at once entered upon the teaching of the common school in the public school at Elwood, Indiana.

Soon after Fort Sumter was fired upon, he and many other youths of Elwood offered their services with other youths of Elwood, but they were not accepted, and could not accept their services for the reason that the number of men already been more than filled. However, by the efforts of the local authorities, he tendered his services in the defense of the city of Elwood, and was enlisted as a private in Company B, Third Indiana Cavalry, and was sworn in on the 1st day of July, 1861. He was sent directly to the Fort Monroe, where he remained for a long time, and during that time he fell sick, and was sent to the hospital, and in the battle of Ball's Bluff, where he was killed. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, Resaca and others. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, Resaca and others. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, Resaca and others.



the parents of five children, of whom two are now living—William H. and Mrs. Brown. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Mary A., the wife of James McCreery; Martha S., the wife of George Stinson; Arthur, who married Susan Benadum; and Ralph. The Republican party receives Mr. Brown's active support and coöperation, and he has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army Post in Gaston. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

JOHN MCKNIGHT BLOSS, deceased, patriot and educator of national reputation, was a native of Indiana, born in Washington county, near New Philadelphia, on the 21st of January, 1839, and his death occurred April 26, 1905, at his late home in Hamilton township, Delaware county, Indiana. He was the only son of Isaac Scott and Agnes (McKnight) Bloss, but he had two sisters, Elizabeth J. and Margaret A., and also four half-brothers and two half-sisters by the father's second marriage. In tracing the lineage of Mr. Bloss it is found that the progenitor of the family in America was Edmund Bloss, who came from England about 1634, and was one of the founders of Watertown, Massachusetts. He had a son, Richard, the father of Richard, Jr., and the last named was the father of Samuel, who had a son Samuel, and he became the father of Dorman Bloss, the grandfather of John M. Bloss. Dorman Bloss and his son Isaac were pioneers of Washington county, Indiana.

In his youth John M. Bloss assisted his father on the farm and in the tannery, and was permitted to spend a few months each year attending the early pioneer schools, which did not afford the best of educational advantages, but with indomitable energy and courage he applied himself to his books, making his own way so rapidly that at the age of sixteen we find him teaching, beginning at that early age the work of his life. In the year of 1854 he entered upon his college course and six years of his time were spent at Hanover, teaching his way when necessary to defray expenses in college. He graduated in 1860 with honors, receiving the degree of A. B., and at once entered upon the regular work of his life as principal of the public school at Livonia, Indiana.

Soon after Fort Sumter was fired upon by the South young Bloss tendered his services with other youths of Livonia to Governor Morton, who could not accept their services for the reason that the state's quota had already been more than filled. However, in the following summer he again tendered his services in the defense of the Union and was accepted. He enlisted as a private in Company F, Twenty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was sworn in on the 9th day of August, 1861. His regiment was sent directly to the Potomac and placed in McClellan's army. In the dreadful conflict that followed between the states young Bloss took part in the battles of Ball's Bluff, Winchester, Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Resaca and others. After the battle of Antietam

he was made first lieutenant of his company, and six months later was placed in command of the first division, Twelfth Army Pioneer Corps. After this he was for a time inspector on General Ruger's staff, and on the 12th of May, 1864, he was promoted to the captaincy of his company, which went west under Hooker and took part in the engagements at Resaca and Atlanta. While in the service Captain Bloss was wounded four times, once each at the engagements of Antietam, Winchester, Chancellorsville and Resaca, the last time so seriously that he was compelled to resign and return home. His resignation was dated October 17, 1864, and thus it is seen that he served nearly through the war, having been exposed to fire in no less than fifteen engagements.

The most noted event in the military career of Captain Bloss was the finding of the "Gen. Lee's Special Order No. 191," or Lee's Lost Dispatch. In this dispatch General Lee directed General D. H. Hill to move from Frederick to South Mountain, and informing him that General Stonewall Jackson had been sent to capture Harper's Ferry, also disclosing General Lee's plans in the Maryland raid. General Lee had designed not only to hold "heroic Maryland," but also plant the war in the "wheat fields" of Pennsylvania and take Washington city. The entire plan was drawn out in detail and a copy given to each of his corps commanders, one of which was General D. H. Hill, who was so displeased with the place given him in the plans that in a fit of ugly temper he threw the dispatch on the ground, even overlooking two cigars contained in the envelope, and of cigars, too, he was very fond. This dispatch was written on the 12th of September and found on the following day. Sergeant Bloss was in command of a skirmish line in the advance upon Frederick, and as a short pause in the march was ordered the soldier boys threw themselves down on the ground for rest. It was about nine o'clock in the morning of a fair day, and nothing indicated that only a few hours before the command of General Hill had left the scene in obedience to General Lee's orders. Sergeant Bloss noticed at the feet of a comrade some papers and said, "What is that paper?" "An envelope," was the reply. "Hand it to me," said the sergeant. Taking it, the soldier noticed the two enclosed cigars and playfully divided them, but to Bloss he handed the envelope containing General Lee's dispatch. Sergeant Bloss learning its import knew that it was a valuable find and at once forwarded it to General McClellan, who by these means became aware that General Hill alone was in his front and General Jackson was advancing on Harper's Ferry. He accordingly pushed on to South Mountain, defeated Hill and drove him across Antietam and then unfortunately instead of

this lost dispatch, and at one time Harper Brothers published an authentic story of its finding, crediting Private Mitchell for finding it, but the story as here told is authenticated not only by Mr. Bloss, but by several trustworthy affidavits now in possession of Mr. Bloss' widow. In this regard, while there can be no reasonable doubt as to who found the "Lost Dispatch," the writer, after having made full investigation, would observe that had Private Mitchell been the actual finder of the dispatch, credit is due Mr. Bloss for interpreting its import and forwarding it to his chief commander.

Official Documents in the Case.  
Headquarters Army of Northern Virginia, September 9, 1862.

Special Orders,  
No. 191.

The army will resume its march tomorrow, taking the Hagerstown road. General Jackson's command will form the advance, and, after passing Middletown, with such portion as he may select, take the route toward Sharpsburg, cross the Potomac at the most convenient point, and, by Friday night, take possession of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, capture such of the enemy as may be at Martinsburg, and intercept such as may attempt to escape from Harper's Ferry.

General Longstreet's command will pursue the same road as far as Boonsborough, where it will halt with the reserve, supply, and baggage trains of the army.

General McLaws, with his own division and that of General R. H. Anderson, will follow General Longstreet. On reaching Middletown he will take the route to Harper's Ferry, and by Friday morning possess himself of the Maryland Heights, and endeavor to capture the enemy at Harper's Ferry and vicinity.

General Walker, with his division, after accomplishing the object in which he is now engaged, will cross the Potomac at Cheek's Ford, ascend its right bank to Lovettsville, take possession of Loudoun Heights, if practicable, by Friday morning, Keys' Ford on his left, and the road between the end of the mountain and the Potomac on his right. He will, as far as practicable, coöperate with General McLaws and General Jackson in intercepting the retreat of the enemy.

General D. H. Hill's division will form the rear guard of the army, pursuing the road taken by the main body. The reserve artillery, ordnance, supply trains, &c., will precede General Hill.

General Stuart will detach a squadron of cavalry to accompany the commands of Generals Longstreet, Jackson, and McLaws, and with the main body of the cavalry will cover the route of the army and bring up all stragglers that may have been left behind.

The commands of General Jackson, McLaws, and Walker, after accomplishing the objects for which they have been detached, will join the main body of the army at Boonsborough or Hagerstown.

Each regiment on the march will habitually carry its axes in the regimental ordnance wagons, for use of the men at their encampments to procure wood, &c.

R. H. CHILTON,  
Assistant Adjutant-General.

MAJ. GEN. D. H. HILL,  
Commanding Division.

Lee's Special Order, No. 191.

As a member of Co. A. 27th Regt—Indiana Volunteers I wish to make a statement about the finding of The Lost Dispatcher "Lee's Special Order No—191" found near Fredrick Maryland, Sept. the 13th, 1862.

That morning Company "F" and Company "A" of the 27th, were on the skirmish line. John M. Bloss was then the first or Ordily Seargeant" of Company "F". We moved forward but discovered no enemy and halted near the city limits in a meadow; it was a warm morning and when we halted we threw ourselves on the ground to rest. I was one of the smallest of Company "A" and my position in the ranks of the Company formation was on the extreme left and this would place me immediately at the extreme right of Company "F" and very near the position of "Ordily Seargeant" Bloss of Company "F".

We were in the position indicated when my attention was called to an envelope which was picked up near me. I saw Seargeant Bloss with the envelope in his hand drawing a paper or papers out of it, he then and there read the contents of the

papers aloud to us, of what proved to be Lee's Special order No—191. Sergeant Bloss remarked "This is of great importance if genuine," he then started to the rear with the papers in his hand, there was no one with him when he left the Company to take the order to the officers. I distinctly remember seeing Bloss hand the envelope to Col. Colgrave who drew out the papers and then went through the motion of reading them; Col. Colgrave then mounted his horse and disappeared from my sight. At no time did I see anyone have the envelope or papers in his hands except Bloss until I saw him place them in the hands of Col. Colgrave.

My position of the left of Company "A" and the position of Sergeant Bloss on the right of "F" brought us near together and when we halted we were not more than four or five feet apart, and when he began to read aloud those who were near all clustered about him.

WILLIAM H. HOSTETTER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18 day of December 1906.

SALATHIEL I. GILLAM, Notary Public.

#### A STATEMENT IN REGARD TO LEE'S "LOST DISPATCH."

Special Order No. 191.

I wish to make the following statement in regard to the celebrated lost dispatch, Special Order, No. 191, found near Frederick City, Maryland, September 13, 1862. I was a private soldier in Company "F", 27th. Indiana volunteers. On the morning of September 13, 1862, about nine o'clock, Co. A and Co. F. were sent forward as a skirmish line near the city of Frederick, our Company being in charge of John M. Bloss, who at that time was Ordily Sergeant of the Company. We advanced across a field to where there had been a fence, but at that time only a row of weeds, grass and some small shrubs or bushes. The men lay down, Sergeant Bloss at the head of the Company, Barton W. Mitchell next to Bloss, and on Bloss's left; I next to Mitchell, and so on down the line. Just after we lay down I saw a large envelope to my left, lying in the grass and weeds, and was in the act of reaching for it with my left hand when at the same moment Bloss said "What is that paper?" I had got the package in my hands by this time and read the address, "Gen. D. H. Hill, Commanding," etc. Bloss said "Hand it to me." As I passed the paper to him over Mitchell's body, two or three cigars fell out of the package. Mitchell picked up one of the cigars and said "I know what this is." Bloss took the package and took the order out of the envelope and read it, or a part of it aloud, and remarked "Boys this is an important matter (or important paper) if genuine. I will take it to Captain Kopp." Bloss went to the rear with the order, to where Captain Kopp was, and later on I saw him and Captain Kopp talking to Col. Colgrave.

I make this statement, feeling that Captain John M. Bloss, has not had the recognition in this matter that is due him. B. F. Mitchell did not see the paper until after Bloss spoke to me about it, and did not have it in his hands, and did not accompany Bloss to the rear when Bloss took it to Captain Kopp. Bloss being in charge of our Company on the line, none of the men could retire to the rear where Captain Kopp or Col. Colgrave were, without Bloss's permission.

DANIEL B. VANCE,  
Brownstown, Indiana.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of September 1905.

M. H. PEACOCK,  
Notary Public.

My Commission will expire April 19, 1906.

As stated above Captain Bloss on account of a disabling wound received at Resaca resigned and returned to his home. In the winter of 1864 he pursued post-graduate courses, and the next year taught in New Philadelphia. His rise in the profession of teaching was rapid. For four years he was principal of the academy at Orleans, Indiana, and then, 1870, was

law, Mr. Bloss became a member of the state board of education. He remained at the head of the city schools of Evansville for five years, and in 1880 became the Republican nominee for the office of state superintendent of public instruction, and was elected to the office. He held the position for two years, or one term, was renominated by his political party as its candidate for the office, but with all his colleagues shared the defeat of his party at the polls in 1882. At the expiration of his term of office Mr. Bloss was called to the superintendency of the city schools of Muncie, Indiana, which position he held from 1883 to 1886. In the latter year he was chosen superintendent of the city schools of Topeka, Kansas, where he remained five years, and was then made president of the State Agricultural College of Oregon at Corvallis. There he remained until 1896, when on account of failing health he resigned and returned to Delaware county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his days on a farm in Hamilton township.

The thirty-second report of the superintendent of public instruction, state of Indiana, dated 1884, states that Mr. Bloss at the head of the state department displayed high ability in every phase of his work, and from that same report we take the following excerpt:

"For years he had been an eminent and practical worker in the institute. On entering the office of state superintendent of public instruction he gave direction to his work throughout the state by issuing an outline for institute work or instruction, the first in this state. This increased the value of institute work beyond measure. The financial statistics of the department received the most careful and patient attention. Many needed reforms were inaugurated, and a system of issuing and distributing lists of questions for teachers' licenses was adopted, by means of which was weeded out the evil of selling the list to applicants for teachers' licenses.

"During the term of Superintendent Bloss there was no great educational exhibit, neither was there any material change in the school system, but everywhere was there growth and prosperity, and the department was administered to with justice, skill and magnanimity."

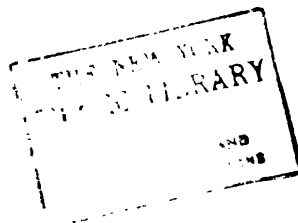
The writer was a teacher in the public schools of Indiana at the time Mr. Bloss was superintendent of public instruction and remembers that he introduced questions for examining candidates for teachers which called for the diacritical marking of words. This was altogether new and led to a special study of diacritical markings to the extent that the dictionary was in great demand and practically became a text book in the schools. I hold that in this way Mr. Bloss put in motion the influence that led to the use of school readers in which words were diacritically marked, and by reason of which the pronunciation of the Hoosier schoolmaster and his pupils has become wonderfully improved.

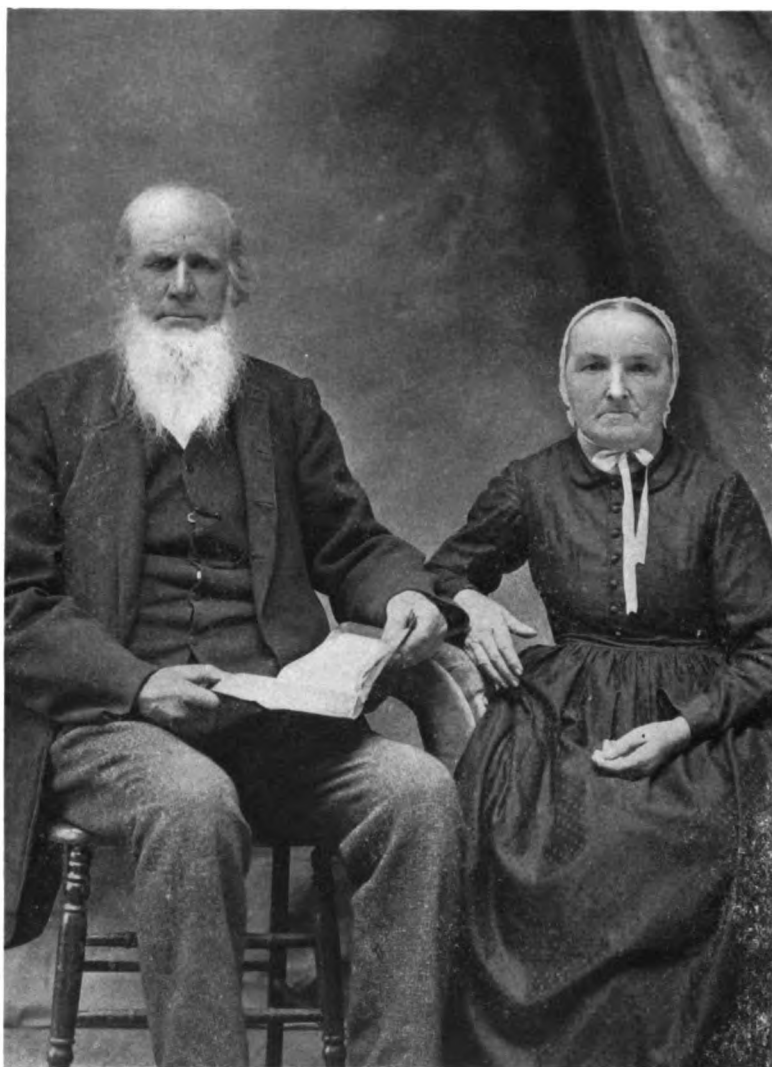
which positions he filled with remarkable ability. On account of failing health he retired but he could not remain idle. So while residing on his farm in Hamilton township there came to him another honor in his election to the office of township trustee of his township. While filling this position he advanced many ideas which have done much to make a better administration of township affairs in Indiana. During the time he was president of the state township trustees for one term and was particularly well and favorably known among the trustees. He was the father of the consolidated school system in Hamilton township, a plan which has since been adopted in many townships of the county. While trustee of Hamilton township he built at Royerton a handsome and modern school building, and here the pupils of the township under the consolidated system have all the advantages of an education from the primary work to high school work. Mr. Bloss was the primal factor in establishing the township high school on a successful basis. The object of this concentration of the township schools into one centralized building and school was to afford or give all pupils in the township the same curriculum of study as in the city schools of Indianapolis, Muncie or any city in the state of more than minor population. This plan of centralizing the township schools is being carried out in a number of the counties in the state of Indiana.

During his term the public roads were so improved that not a mile of unimproved roads are to be found in the township. In this township he developed and improved one of the best farms of Delaware county. He was never idle and his life was in the advance of the time, for with much wisdom he foresaw the future and anticipating it so planned for the constantly new changes as they came and was prepared for them.

In 1865 Mr. Bloss married Miss Emma McPheeters, a daughter of Colonel McPheeters, of Livonia, Indiana. Two children were the fruit of this marriage: William H., of Indianapolis; and Minnie, the wife of Mr. Dumont Lotz, of Royerton, Indiana. While Professor Bloss was superintendent of schools at Topeka, Kansas, his wife died there, and in 1893 he married Miss Mary A. Woods, who was a teacher in the Topeka schools, and who survives him, residing on the homestead in Hamilton township. Politically Professor Bloss was a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and was given burial according to the rites of the Masonic order.

First of all John M. Bloss was a patriot who fought for his country. He was an educator of prominence and worth, not only in his native state, but also in others. Broad in his views, a scholar, possessed of high domestic virtues and kindness, and fair and just, he was beloved in his own family and esteemed by all who were fortunate to have known him. He may well





*John Smider sr  
and wife*

clipping from a newspaper editorial at the time of his death well illustrates the esteem paid him by his friends and the public:

"The many warm friends he made in many localities, the neighbors he fraternized with, the Masonic brethren he knew in lodge room, the soldiers he fought with, the family he left with a noble heritage, all classes of people, including thousands of young people whom he taught and trained in habits of beauty and honor—all mourn his death and pay tribute to his memory. Rest in peace, John M. Bloss."

JOHN SNIDER, SR. During many years the Snider family have been closely associated with the progress and development of Delaware county, and none of her citizens have manifested greater public spirit or more earnest interest in the reduction of the country from a wilderness to a fertile land of fine farms, with its flourishing towns and settlements. One of its leading representatives, John Snider, Sr., was born in Miami county, Ohio, April 25, 1829, his parents being Joseph and Catherine (Studebaker) Snider, both natives of Pennsylvania. They were also married in the state of their nativity and became the parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, but only three are now living, namely: Alexander, John and Abraham. In the fall of 1835 Mr. Joseph Snider drove across the country with horses to Union township, Delaware county, Indiana, entering eighty acres of land in what was then a dense wilderness, and later on he added a tract of forty acres to his original purchase, in the meantime clearing his land and placing his fields under an excellent state of cultivation. In 1844, with the brick of his own manufacture, he erected the residence which still stands upon this old homestead, and many other substantial improvements assist in making it the valuable estate which it now is. For many years Mr. Snider served in the office of school director, and in the early days he assisted in making the roads through the timber. He was also one of the organizers of the German Baptist Brethren church, of which he was one of the leaders for many years, and his political affiliations were with the Whigs. The death of this honored old Delaware county pioneer occurred on his homestead near Eaton, and his wife was called to the home beyond when she had reached the age of seventy-five years.

When a little lad of six years, in 1835, Mr. Snider came with his parents to Indiana, and until his twenty-first year he remained with his parents and assisted in the work of the home farm. After his marriage he established his home on eighty acres of timber land, but later he received seventy-two acres of his father-in-law's, Mr. Cunkle, estate, and he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of fertile and well improved land. His first residence was a little log cabin, and this primitive dwelling still stands as a mute reminder of the pioneer's early life in Delaware county. In 1868 he erected the pleasant and commodious residence in which he now makes his home. During his boyhood days Mr. Snider witnessed the life of a frontier settler in all its phases, wild game, such as deer, bear and wild

turkey, being then plentiful, and his father killed many a deer in this community. During many years Mr. Snider was the incumbent of the office of school director, the cause of education always finding in him a warm and helpful friend, and he is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations, voting for John C. Fremont. Since 1854 he has been a valued and worthy member of the Brethren church, now the German Baptist, and since 1855 he has served as one of its deacons, he and his brother being the two oldest members of this church now living.

On the 28th of August, 1854, Mr. Snider married Margaret Cunkle, whose death occurred on the 10th of July, 1893, and of the four children born of this union two are now living: William, who married Ellen Isgregg and lives in California; and Mary, the wife of Samuel Dulinsky. On the 25th of December, 1894, Mr. Snider married Mrs. Mary J. Cartright, who was born in Mason county, Kentucky, January 14, 1839, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dodson) Craig. She was first married to Charles Cartright, who was born in North Carolina April 22, 1831, and died June 3, 1894. They were married on the 14th of February, 1856, and became the parents of five children, of whom two are now living: Francis, who married Rosa Gump and is living in California; and Alice, the wife of James Hickman. Mr. Snider has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, while Mrs. Snider has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They have just returned from a trip to California, visiting their children, and en route they stopped at Los Angeles and San Francisco, passed through Grand Canon and around Mount Hebron by stage, and returned via Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Peoria.

ARTHUR L. LEWELLEN. In the history of the business interests of Union township the name of Arthur L. Lewellen cannot be omitted, for through a number of years he has been one of the leading agriculturists of the community, progressive, enterprising and persevering. His birth occurred in Smithfield, Liberty township, Delaware county, July 28, 1860, a son of Zerah M. and Sarah Ann (Truitt) Lewellen. The father was born in West Virginia, but when a little lad of nine years he came with his parents, Philip and Mary Ann Lewellen, to Indiana, locating in the then wilderness of Liberty township, and in time he became a well known wagon-maker in Smithfield, following that occupation in connection with Hubbard Feelder. He continued that vocation throughout his entire business career and in 1864 he purchased a farm near Smithfield, in Liberty township, which he operated in connection with his trade. Later he traded that property for a farm in Harrison township, Delaware county, which continued as his home until 1870, in that year trading his land for property in Iowa and moving to Eaton. He subsequently traded his Iowa farm for land near Eaton, where he resided for six years, while during the following two years he was engaged in the farm implement business in Spiceland, Indiana, and at the close of that period removed to Selma, this state, which

continued as his place of residence until his removal to Shideler. Here he spent the remainder of his busy and useful life, passing to the home beyond on the 2d of February, 1900, when seventy-one years of age. He served as the assessor of Union township, was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and held membership relations with the Masonic order. He became a member of that fraternity at Selma, from which he was demitted to the Muncie lodge, and he received the honors of a Masonic burial. He was identified with the Republican party. Mrs. Lewellen was born in Delaware county, Indiana, and her death occurred on the 4th of June, 1893, when she had reached the age of sixty-two years, three months and twenty-six days, dying at Selma. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen five are now living: John O., who married Hulda E. Crampton and resides in Muncie; Mary E., the wife of William Bosman, of Eaton; Arthur L., whose name introduces this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Tabor Allis, of Eaton; and Emery W., who married Lena Cook, and is living in Detroit, Michigan, where with H. G. Elliott he is engaged in the drapery and carpet business.

The early boyhood days of Arthur L. Lewellen were spent in assisting his father during the summers, while in the winter months he attended school, and when he had reached the age of twenty-two years he engaged in farming for himself in Niles township, where he remained about three years. During the following seven years he resided near Eaton, in Union township, while from the close of that time until in January, 1896, he made his home in Hamilton township, and then purchased his present farm in Union township. Throughout the period of his residence here he has been numbered among the leading agriculturists, and during the last ten years he has made a specialty of the raising of potatoes, having from eight to forty acres planted to that commodity each year, and he has raised as high as seven thousand bushels in a year. He was the first man in Delaware county to make the raising of potatoes a paying investment. He farms from seventy-five to eighty acres, and in 1904 he built the pleasant and commodious residence which now adorns his valuable homestead.

On the 1st of March, 1883, Mr. Lewellen was united in marriage to one of Delaware county's native daughters, Alena E. Modlin, whose birth occurred in Indiana on the 2d of March, 1863. Her father, David Modlin, born in Wayne county, Indiana, February 16, 1827, became a well known miller in Delaware county, Indiana, and he was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On the 27th of February, 1865, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company I, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he received his honorable discharge on the 7th of August following at Harper's Ferry, by Special Order No. 11 of the war department. His death occurred in Union township, Delaware county, May 8, 1897. At the old homestead of her parents, Adam and Arminda Kendall, in Delaware county, Mr. Modlin married Celia Kendall, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and her

death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewellen, June 22, 1904, when she had reached the age of seventy-two years. Four children were born to them, namely: Melissa, the widow of Charles Heath and a resident of Iowa; Rachel, who became the wife of Calwell Johnson, now deceased, and she resides in McCowen, Indiana; Mary, who died when twenty-four years of age; and Alena, the wife of Mr. Lewellen. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen six are now living: Hattie M., Edna E., Bertha H., Mary R., Elsie L. and Eunice C. In his political affiliations Mr. Lewellen is a Prohibitionist, while fraternally he has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a valued and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

SAMUEL O. BURRIS, M. D., a practicing physician of Shideler, was born near Carlisle, Nicholas county, Kentucky, May 30, 1847, a son of James D. and Rebecca (Miller) Burris, natives, respectively, of Maryland and Pennsylvania. The father, born in 1812, died in 1873, and the mother, whose birth occurred in 1818, passed away in death in 1878. Ten children were born to this couple, seven sons and three daughters, of whom seven are now living: Albert, who married Margaret Crull and is living in Grant county, Indiana; John W., who is married and living in Kansas; Samuel O., the subject of this review; William, who married Allie Cook and is living in Waynetown, Montgomery county, Indiana; Isaac, who married Nancy Jones; George; and Rachel, the wife of Jacob Kindall, living in Chicago. Mr. Burris, the father, removed from Kentucky, where he had followed agricultural pursuits, to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1862, and there he spent the remaining years of his life, becoming one of the county's prominent and influential citizens, and at one time serving in the office of township trustee. He was a member of the United Brethren church in Kentucky, but after his removal to Indiana he joined the New Light denomination.

Dr. Samuel O. Burris received his professional training in the Indianapolis Medical College, where he completed the course and graduated with the class of 1880. In the spring of the same year he located for practice in Clinton county, Indiana, but after a residence there of six years he transferred the scene of his operations to Terre Haute, this being in the year of 1886, and he continued in practice in that city until 1902. He then located in Marion, Grant county, this state, where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice until his removal to Shideler in 1907. He is a member of Monatcha Tribe, No. 183, at Terre Haute.

in the Christian church in Chicago. Mr. Mathew D. Black was a prominent farmer in Putnam county, Indiana, from whence he removed to Green Castle, Indiana, and after a residence there of a number of years located in Terre Haute, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a member of Green Castle Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the Chapter, R. A. M., and the Commandery, K. T., at Indianapolis, and also of the Consistory of that city, attaining to the thirty-second degree in Masonry. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Burris, but the first born, Frank, died at the age of twenty-two years. The younger son, Dayton A., a graduate of the Polytechnic College of Terre Haute, is a resident of that city.

Dr. Burris holds and merits a prominent place in the professional circles of Delaware county and he also bears an honorable war record, having enlisted during the Civil war in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and served his full term of enlistment. The Republican party receives his active support and coöperation.

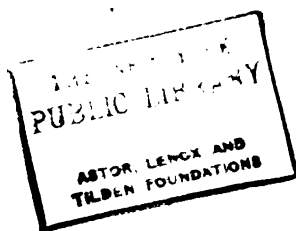
**SAMUEL W. STAFFORD.** An active, esteemed and thriving member of the agricultural community of Hamilton township, Samuel W. Stafford is prosperously engaged in his independent vocation on section 5, his well improved and judiciously cultivated farm being a model one in its appointments and equipments. A native of this township, he was born January 9, 1852, a son of the late Thomas Stafford, Jr. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Stafford, Sr., was one of the early pioneers of Indiana, coming here from Ohio. The journey through the wilderness was made with teams, that being the most expeditious mode of traveling in those primitive days before the country was spanned by the network of railways that now render journeying so rapid and pleasant. Settling in the woods, the father cleared the land and was actively employed in tilling the soil the remainder of his years.

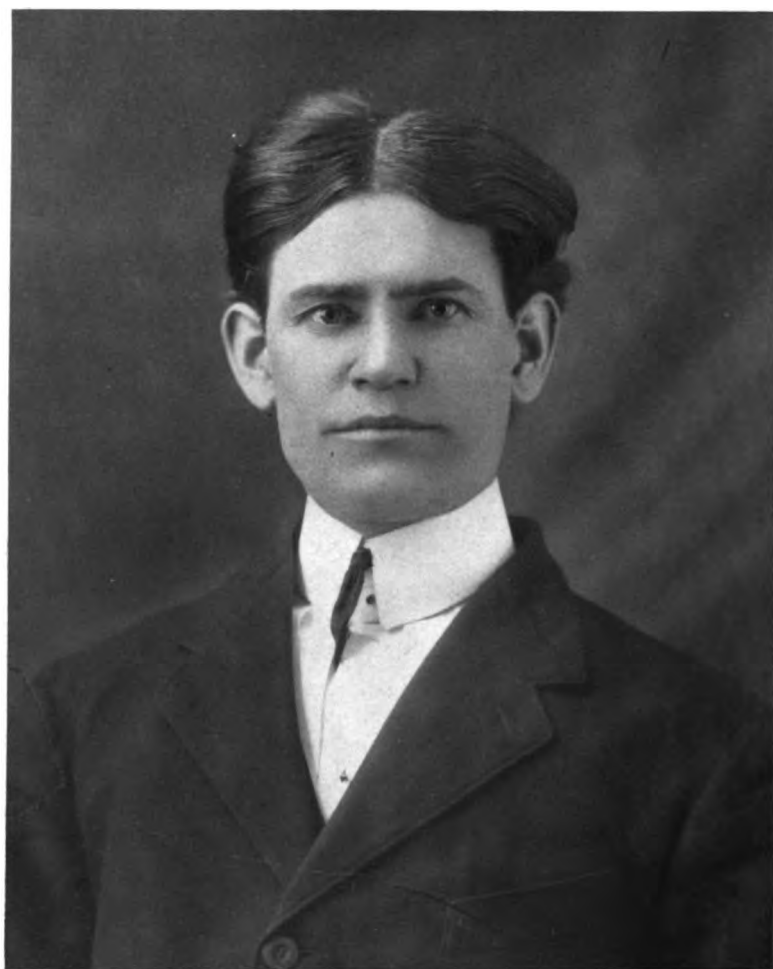
Thomas Stafford, Jr., was born January 1, 1819, in Clark county, Ohio, and died in Delaware county, Indiana. A child when he was brought here by his parents, he grew to manhood on the parental homestead, as a youth taking kindly to agricultural pursuits. Prudent and economical, he saved his earnings, and when ready to establish a household of his own purchased a tract of land that was still in its original wildness, cleared a space, and on it erected a log cabin as his first dwelling. As a farmer he succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations, in course of time becoming the owner of four hundred acres of good land, which he had earned through his own sturdy efforts. He added to the size of his cabin by additional rooms and in it lived until his death. He was a man of honor and integrity, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics a Whig. On January 20, 1846, he married Matilda J. Black, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and died on the home farm here. Of the five children born to them three survive, as follows: Sylvester, living

in Muncie, married Clara Gerard; Joseph M., of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this work; and Samuel W.

Brought up on the parental homestead, Samuel W. Stafford had such educational advantages as were afforded by the pioneer schools of his district, which he attended three months each winter. On attaining his majority his father bought him eighty acres of heavily timbered land, built a two-room frame house for a domicile, and he began his career as an independent farmer. Meeting with encouraging success in his labors, Mr. Stafford has added by purchase to his original acreage, and has now a finely improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, all but twenty of which he has himself cleared from its pristine wildness. In 1904 Mr. Stafford erected his present substantial frame residence, and is continuing his energetic labors as a tiller of the soil, carrying on general farming and stock raising with exceptionally good pecuniary results.

Mr. Stafford married first, in 1871, Annie Flinn, who was born in this county, and here spent her entire life, dying in 1894. Her parents, James and Melissa (Taylor) Flinn, were born, bred and married in Miami county, Ohio, from there coming to Indiana and locating in Union township as pioneers. Mr. Flinn was a man of much force of character, a Jeffersonian Democrat in politics, and, with his wife, belonged to the Christian church. On January 6, 1898, Mr. Stafford married for his second wife Susan Oral Gable, who was born in Blackford county, Indiana, February 2, 1862, a daughter of William H. Gable. Mr. Gable was born in Pennsylvania eighty-two years ago and is now residing in Hartford City, Indiana, a strong and vigorous man for one of his years. He learned the trade of a cabinet maker when young, and followed it for a time in his native state. Of a daring and venturesome spirit, he started for California in 1844, going in a sailing vessel by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Arriving at his point of destination, he was engaged in mining until 1850, when he returned eastward as far as Indiana. Two years later, in 1852, Mr. Gable located in Hartford city, his present place of residence, as a cabinet maker. In those early days he used to make coffins by hand from black walnut and had to go to Muncie to buy the linings for the coffins, oftentimes making the round trip on foot in twelve hours. He is now living retired from active pursuits, enjoying a well earned leisure from business cares and troubles. During the Civil war Mr. Gable served valiantly in the Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was identified with the Whig party until 1856, when he joined the Republican ranks, and for many years he has been a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is prominent in social organizations, belonging to both the Independent Order of Odd





*J. W. Arnold, M.D.*

neighbors and friends. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and in religion is a member of the United Brethren church.

**JAMES W. ARNOLD, M. D.** The medical profession of Delaware county numbers among its younger but most prominent members Dr. James W. Arnold, who has been an earnest and discriminating student and has gained distinction in the line of his chosen calling. He was born at Valley Station, Jefferson county, Kentucky, September 23, 1873, a son of William Z. and Prudence (Moore) Arnold, the father a native of Louisville, Kentucky, born in 1837, and the mother of Moor's Hill, that state, born in 1845. Seven children were born to them, but only three are now living: Charles B., who is living in Illinois; Lillian A., the wife of Dr. Albert Arnold, of Louisville, Kentucky, and James W., the subject of this review. The father was a teacher in Bardstown Academy, of his native state, for many years, while later on he became a successful farmer and stock raiser, but at the present time is living retired, residing with his wife in Louisville, Kentucky. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and supports the Democratic party.

Dr. Arnold received his literary training in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, in which he graduated with the degrees of B. S. and B. E. with the class of 1899. He then matriculated in the Illinois Medical College at Chicago, where he completed the course and graduated with the class of 1903. Soon after this he came to Shideler, Indiana, where he has ever since been engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, and to keep abreast with the many new discoveries which are constantly being made in the science he has become a member of the Delaware County Medical Association.

Dr. Arnold married, October 21, 1902, Lillian E. Reasnor, who was born in Blackford county, Indiana, and her death occurred on the 14th of June, 1906. She was the daughter of John and Mahala (Jones) Reasnor, both also natives of the county of Blackford. The father, who was born in 1846, and now living on the old homestead on which he was born, became one of the most prominent farmers of Blackford county. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reasnor: Alta, William, Nell, Fred, Earl, Homer and Benjamin, the last two being twins. To Dr. and Mrs. Arnold were born two sons, John L. and Charles. The doctor is a member of the Brethren church, and in political matters he casts his ballot in favor of the men and measures of the Democratic party.

**ISAAC H. SHIDELER.** The name of Shideler is a familiar one to resi-

ville Railroad in the northern part of Hamilton township. The town was founded about 1871.

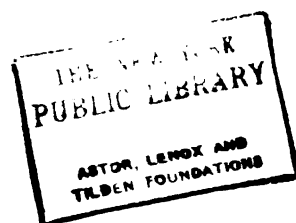
William Shideler was born in Miami county, Ohio, May 8, 1812, and came to Delaware county for the first time in 1834. Two years later he returned to Indiana with his family and entered eighty acres of timber land in the government land office. By energy and thrift he accumulated four hundred acres of fine farming land in that section and was known throughout the county as a man of honor and integrity. He served as trustee of his township for three terms, and was president and superintendent of the Studebaker turnpike from 1867 until his death, which occurred on November 13, 1872.

William Shideler's wife was a Miss Sarah Little in her maiden days. She was born in Pennsylvania May 12, 1812, and passed to her reward October 28, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Shideler were married in Miami county, Ohio, in December, 1834, and became the parents of thirteen children. Three of these died in infancy, while the remainder lived to become the heads of families. Five of these are now living, viz., Isaac H., Henry H., John S., Margaret E., wife of B. K. Burt, and Thomas. Both parents are sleeping their last sleep in the little graveyard at Granville. They were members of the Christian church at Granville, which society they helped to organize. Later Mr. Shideler assisted in the organization of the Eden Christian church near Shideler.

Isaac H. Shideler was born on his father's farm in Hamilton township, July 7, 1839, and helped to clear the timber from the land and place it in condition for cultivation. When he reached his majority he struck out for himself, and his first purchase of land was an eighty-acre tract on which was a small log cabin. This was replaced later by a more commodious structure of hewed logs, in which our subject and his family resided until 1867, when he constructed a neat and comfortable frame house. This was the family home until 1896, when Mr. Shideler purchased a beautiful residence in the town of Shideler, where he has since lived, retired from active business.

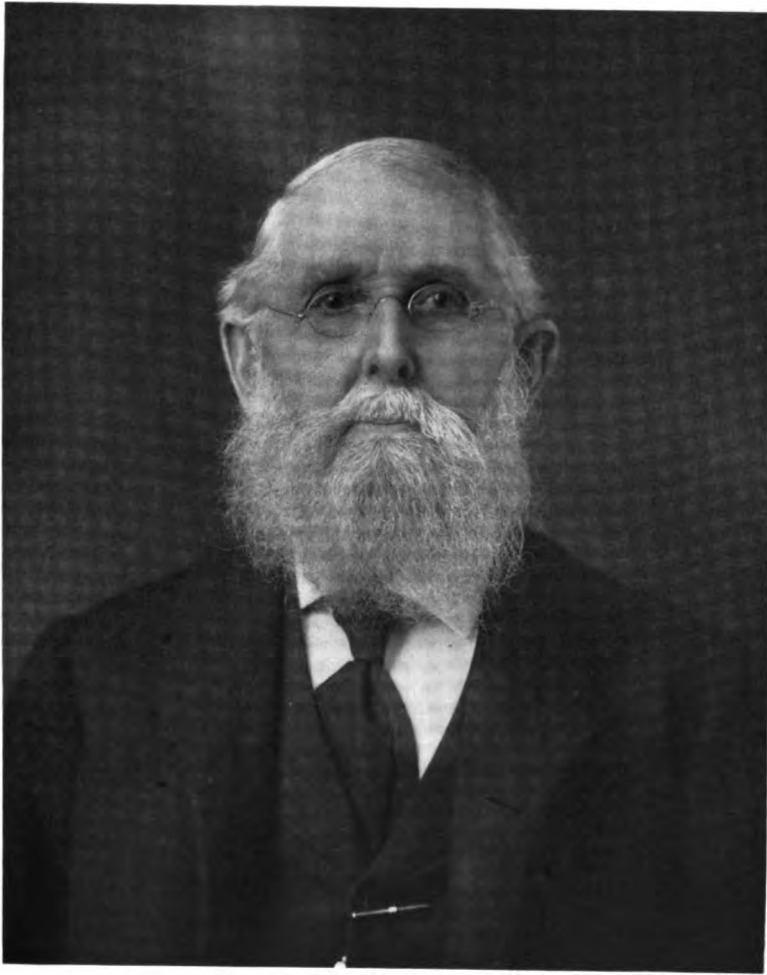
On September 27, 1862, Mr. Shideler was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Lewis, who was born in Union township, October 9, 1843, and was a daughter of William Lewis, a pioneer settler in that section of the state. Mr. Lewis was born in Virginia, June 4, 1805, and died October 20, 1865. His wife, Dora (Hedrick) Lewis, also a native of Virginia, was born February 25, 1808, and died March 9, 1865. Of their thirteen children four are living: Julia Ann, Mary E., Mrs. Shideler and William H.

Mr. and Mrs. Shideler are the parents of three children: Lydia A., Louis and Lee Roy, all of whom are married and reside near their parents. Our subject and his wife became members of the Christian church at Gran-

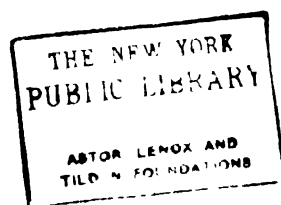




**Mrs. James Williamson.**



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JAMES WILLIAMSON, one of the oldest citizens of Delaware county, in which he has spent more than seventy-three years of his long and useful life, was born in Portsmouth, Sciota county, Ohio, June 14, 1828. His parents were Peter and Rosanna (Shafer) Williamson, and his paternal grandfather was Joseph Williamson, who removed from his native state of New Jersey to the Sciota Valley, Ohio, at a very early date. He was a farmer by occupation, and was among the sturdy pioneers of the Buckeye state, where he died at an advanced age. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Williamson, Adam Shafer, was a native of Germany and came to America in 1819. He was accompanied by his wife, Sabina, three sons and five daughters, all of whom were natives of Wurtemberg. They began the voyage in December, 1819, and landed in Baltimore in February, 1820, having been so long on the journey that Mr. Shafer was compelled to spend all of his means. So upon arriving in this country he was compelled to bind out three of his oldest daughters in order to pay their passage, which amounted to eighty dollars each. The remainder of the family proceeded immediately by wagon to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and thence by flat boat to Portsmouth, Ohio, where the wife and mother died in 1821, only a short time after reaching their destination. After a little over three years had elapsed George Shafer went to Baltimore, walking the entire distance, to bring his sisters to their western home. Two of them returned with him, but the oldest remained longer and at last joined the family. In later years the father came to Delaware county, Indiana, and located in Hamilton township, where he died in 1870, aged ninety-five years.

Peter Williamson was born in New Jersey in 1802, and with his parents removed to Sciota county, Ohio, where in 1827 he married Rosanna Shafer, who was born in Germany in 1805. From Sciota county they came to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1834, and established their home in section 25, Hamilton township, where he bought lands and built a log cabin home, at once beginning the arduous labor of clearing and developing his farm. Some Indians were yet here at the time. He was a sturdy character, a successful farmer and in politics was a Democrat. His death occurred at the age of fifty-seven years, while his wife, who was a life-long member of the Methodist church, survived him several years and died at the age of seventy-seven. They had a large family of children, as follows: Adam, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this history; Sabina, the widow of Alexander Dunn, of Union township; Lovisa, deceased; Stephen, a resident farmer of Illinois; Joseph, also a farmer in Illinois; and Mary, Martha, Albert, Sarah and Margaret, who are deceased.

James Williamson was but six years of age when his parents removed to Delaware county, and he has ever since made his home within its borders. The eldest of his parents' children, he aided in the early toils of developing the farm and raising the crops, receiving only the educational advantages obtainable in the old-time log school houses. He has devoted his time and energies through life to farming, and few if any of Delaware county's

pioneers have witnessed more trying times and performed more hard work than he. He has been very successful in his business affairs. When he started in life for himself as a young married man his father gave him an uncleared and undeveloped tract of land of fifty-three acres, and this he cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation, applying himself under difficult circumstances so diligently and with such success that he was able to add to his acreage and at one time was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land, which he has since divided among his children. As was his father, he is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and both he and his wife have been faithful members of the Methodist church for many years.

On December 5, 1850, Mr. Williamson married Hannah Shafer, who was born in Ohio, October 24, 1830, and they became the parents of the following children: John M., Stephen Wesley and Lewis M., all prosperous farmers of Hamilton township, and the only daughter is Mary C., the wife of William Young, a hardware merchant of Muncie. Mr. Williamson has one of the old deeds executed by President Van Buren, dated March 20, 1837. This is the twelfth deed found in Delaware county.

ADAM WILLIAMSON. Among those who are honored and revered as pioneers of Delaware county none has borne a more active part in the development of its resources than Adam Williamson, an honored resident of Hamilton township. He has been a witness of the vast changes which have been brought to pass in this region, and in many ways he has proved himself an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, ever anxious to promote the good of the majority and to maintain all institutions which have made our country what it is today.

Mr. Williamson is the second child of Peter and Rosanna (Shafer) Williamson, and was born in Sciota county, Ohio, December 3, 1829. In the biographical sketch of his older brother, James Williamson, will be found reference to the ancestral history. When he was but five years of age Adam Williamson was brought by his parents to Delaware county, and this has ever since been his home and the scene of his operations. Reared amid the scenes of pioneer days, he assisted his father in clearing the farm from its primeval condition, and in the meantime he received a limited educational training in the neighborhood schools, which he attended about three months during the year. He remained in the parental home until his marriage, April 12, 1853, to Miss Sarah Moore, the daughter of Lewis and Patience (Truitt) Moore, and they became the parents of the following children: William Albert, Flora Belle, Mary Theresa, Hattie, Emma and Effie, all of whom are living and are married. The wife and mother died on the 6th of November.

liamson was reared and educated in Delaware township. By her marriage to Thomas M. Hurtt two daughters were born. Cora is the wife of John Norris, of Muncie, Indiana, a contractor and builder, and they have two children, Reba and Carroll. Mae is the wife of Arthur Crampton, a teacher in the city schools of Muncie. The father of these children died August 25, 1873.

In 1853, on the 14th of April, Mr. Williamson took up his abode on his present farm, which is a valuable tract of one hundred and sixty acres. He cleared his original purchase of eighty acres from its primitive state, working early and late in the task of clearing the forest-covered homestead and in later years at the cultivation of the soil, and here he and his wife are spending the remainder of their long and useful lives. They are members of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church in Hamilton township. Mr. Williamson has membership relations with the Order of Odd Fellows.

**MILTON HAMILTON.** In a very early day in the history of Delaware county, in 1830, Stephen Hamilton, who was born near Morgantown, in West Virginia, wended his way to this county and established his home on a farm in section 35, Center township. Since that early period the name has been inseparably connected with the history of this section of the state, and the memory of Stephen Hamilton is honored and revered with others of the brave pioneers of Delaware county. After a time he left his first purchase and bought land just west in section 35, where the remainder of his long and useful life was spent.

Stephen Hamilton became the father of Henry Hamilton, who also won a name and place among the prominent business men and leading citizens of Delaware county. He was born in West Virginia in 1820, just ten years before the removal of his father to this community, and his death occurred on the farm now owned and occupied by his son Milton in 1884. He married a native daughter of Henry county, Indiana, Mary J. Coe, born in 1830, and they became the parents of four sons: Milton; Millard Filmore, a resident of Idaho; William Henry, familiarly known as Harry, who died at the age of thirty-four, and Carl E., who makes his home in the state of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were married in Henry county, Illinois, and after residing there for a short time they returned to the old Hamilton homestead in Delaware county, Indiana, and fifteen years later they took up their abode on the farm now owned by their son Milton. The husband and father devoted his business career to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and he won success in the callings. His political affiliations were with the Republican party.

Milton Hamilton was born in Center township, Delaware county, January 3, 1853, and within its borders he grew to years of maturity and continued his residence until the age of twenty. Becoming imbued with the western fever, he spent twelve years in the states of California and Wash-

ington, where he was engaged in mining and farming. He homesteaded and preëmpted land in Washington, and did well in a business way in the west, but in 1884 returned to his old home here. When his father's estate was settled he secured the homestead farm, and his estate comprises four hundred acres of rich and well cultivated land. A pleasant and attractive residence adorns the homestead, and many other substantial improvements add to its value.

Mr. Hamilton married, in 1885, Hattie C. McArdle, of the state of Washington, and their three living children are Hazel, Louise and Mary. Mr. Hamilton holds membership relations with the fraternal order of Elks and endorses the principles of the Republican party.

THOMAS J. MANSFIELD, M. D., one among the most successful and favorably known physicians of Delaware county and residing at Royerton, has been a member of the medical profession in the county since he graduated from college. He is also a native son of Delaware county, born on his father's farm in Hamilton township, April 24, 1862, a son of Riley and Delilah (Johnson) Mansfield. The father was a son of Charles Mansfield and was a native of Greene county, Ohio, and the father also claimed Ohio as the commonwealth of his nativity, later becoming a pioneer of Delaware county. Charles Mansfield was a farmer by occupation, was prominent in politics, serving at one time in the state legislature as a representative from Delaware county, and his death occurred in the city of Muncie when he had reached the age of seventy-six years. Of his six children, three sons and three daughters, all are now deceased. Riley Mansfield was three times married, the mother of the Doctor being his second wife, and they had three children, while by the first marriage there were born four children, the third marriage being without issue. He, too, was a farmer and lived for many years in Hamilton township, where he was prominently and favorably known. He was a Republican in his political views and was a member of the Christian church.

Dr. Mansfield was reared as a farmer lad, attending the country schools during his early boyhood days, and later he taught for two terms. Still later he matriculated in the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, where he pursued a preparatory course in medicine, and then received a course of lectures in Barns' Medical College, St. Louis, after which he entered the American Medical College of Cincinnati, graduating therefrom in 1890. Immediately after his graduation Dr. Mansfield located at Royerton and entered the ranks of the medical profession, while in 1905 he pursued a post-graduate course in the Post-Graduate Medical School of Chicago. He is a member of the County and State Medical Societies and

ALEXANDER SNIDER was born in Miami county, Ohio, on a farm, January 6, 1826, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Studebaker) Snider. Mr. Snider, Sr., was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, but moved to Ohio as an orphan boy of eighteen years. He was there married to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Catherine Studebaker, and soon after their marriage they moved to Miami county, Ohio, where they made their home until the fall of 1834. Selling their farm of eighty acres there, they came to Indiana and established their home in Union township, Delaware county, where the husband and father entered eighty acres of land and also bought a tract of forty acres. His home was located on the entry tract, and there he lived and labored for many years, dying at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife survived him for eight years, and in their family were twelve children, one of whom died in infancy and one when nine years of age, and the remainder grew to years of maturity, although only three are now living—Alexander, John and Abraham.

Alexander Snider was a little lad between eight and nine years of age when his parents came to Delaware county, and thus the scenes of its pioneer epoch as well as those of its subsequent development are familiar to him, while at the same time he has performed his full share in the wonderful transformation which has been wrought here. His advantages for obtaining an education during his younger years were extremely limited, but he has improved the advantages of reading and observation in later years and has become a well informed man. When he had reached the age of twenty-two years, January 15, 1849, he married Nancy J. Shary, who was born in Rush county, Indiana, August 30, 1828, a daughter of Solomon and Rachel (Breezly) Shary, who claimed Ohio as the commonwealth of their nativity. The first home of Mr. and Mrs. Snider was a little log cabin on his father's farm, but after a time they moved to a farm northeast of Eaton. Shortly afterward they sold that place and in 1851 took up their abode on a farm in Hamilton township, their present homestead.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Snider have been born two children: John A., a prominent and well known farmer in Hamilton township; and Rachel, the wife of Jacob Rarick, of Union township. Mr. Snider cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and has since supported the principles of the Republican party. He is a prominent and worthy member of the German Baptist church.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL. Among the prominent agriculturists of Hamilton township, Delaware county, is numbered William Campbell, whose name is also familiar to its residents in connection with its educational interests. In 1896 he began the work of consolidation of the schools of Hamilton township, and Professor John M. Bloss has perfected the work so effectively begun by Mr. Campbell. He has always been a staunch Republican in his political affiliations, and in 1889 he was made its representative in the office of trustee, to which he was returned in 1895, and thus he served for two

terms in that important office with an interruption of one term in the interim.

Mr. Campbell was born in Greene township, Randolph county, Indiana, July 28, 1846, a son of John and Rebecca J. (Gibson) Campbell. Mr. Campbell, Sr., was born in Nashville, Tennessee, May 10, 1810, and his death occurred in Greene township, Randolph county, September 26, 1863. His name was enrolled among the early pioneers of that county, he having taken up his abode within its borders in 1838, removing thither from Greene county, Ohio, where the family home had been established when he was five years of age, in 1815. He was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (English) Campbell, the former born near Dublin, Ireland, and the latter in Edinburgh, Scotland. They were married in Ireland, and in the following week started on the voyage to the United States. Their first home was in Charleston, South Carolina, they having landed at that point, where they remained for five years, and from there removed to Nashville, Tennessee, remaining there seventeen years, and their deaths subsequently occurred in Greene county, Ohio. Mrs. John Campbell was born near Charleston, South Carolina, but during her early womanhood she moved with her parents to Greene county, Ohio, the family home being established near Cedarville, where she and her husband met and married, and resided there two years. She was born on the 16th of January, 1816, and died September 23, 1875, in Randolph county, as did her husband in 1863. In their family were seven children, four daughters older and two sons younger than William Campbell, the subject of this review.

On the old home farm in Greene township, Randolph county, William Campbell grew to manhood's estate, in the meantime pursuing his educational training in the neighborhood schools. When he was a lad of sixteen years his father died, and he thereafter remained with his mother in charge of the farm until he was twenty-two, he being her eldest son. He was then married, October 8, 1868, to Eliza C. St. John, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, November 23, 1851, and they have had three children: Ida Elnora, deceased; Frances May, the wife of Henry Bell, of Hamilton township; and Nella Forest.

After his marriage Mr. Campbell took up his abode on a farm in Greene township, Randolph county, Indiana, where he made his home for nine years, and at the close of that period moved to Dunkirk, Jay county, Indiana. Soon afterward he sold his farm and bought his present homestead in Hamilton township, where he has resided since 1877. His estate consists of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and well cultivated farming land. His possessions, however, are the result of his own industry and excellent business ability, for he began the battle of life for himself without means and has been the architect of his own fortunes. Although reared in the Presbyterian faith, to which denomination his parents belonged, he is a worthy and valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Campbell also belongs. Both enjoy a wide circle of acquaintances

and are widely and favorably known, their host of friends esteeming them highly for their genuine worth.

**SAMUEL POLAND.** Samuel Poland, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Hamilton township, where he is the owner of a valuable estate of eighty acres, was born on his father's farm in Liberty township, Delaware county, Indiana, November 15, 1858, a son of Nicholas and Martha J. (Dickover) Poland. He was reared, however, on a farm in Delaware township, to which his father had removed when he was but a babe of two years, and when he had reached the age of seventeen the family came to Hamilton township. His entire life save the one year spent in Blackford county, Indiana, has been spent within the confines of Delaware county, and his long identification with its business interests has won for him prominence and influence.

Remaining at home until the age of twenty, Mr. Poland then worked by the month for other farmers for a few years or until the establishment of a home of his own by his marriage on the 25th of April, 1880, to Florence A. Smith, a daughter of George and Eliza (Carnathan) Smith. Her father was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1827, and is now making his home with his daughter Florence. He arrived in this county during an early period in its epoch, becoming identified with the farming interests of Liberty township, but he later transferred his residence and his operations to Hamilton township. Mrs. Smith was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, in February, 1838, and died on the 11th of July, 1894. In their family were the following children: William T., of Detroit, Michigan; George Albert, a resident of Mississippi; Florence, the wife of Mr. Poland; Michael Harvey, of Arkansas; Ida, who died at the age of nine years; Anna, who died aged fourteen; James E., of Royerton; Viola, the wife of Alvin Moody, of Harrison township, Delaware county; Milton, a prominent agriculturist of Liberty township; May, the wife of Harvey Campbell, of Randolph county, Indiana; Orville, of Illinois; and Benjamin Franklin, a resident of Washington, D. C. Mr. Smith, the father, followed farming during the greater part of his active business life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Poland have been born eight children: Bertha M., William Ralph, Albert Earl, Carl S. and George Raymond (twins), Harry Edgar, Frederick Arthur, and Ernest Cecil. Mr. Poland is a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall Lodge, No. 37, of Muncie, Indiana, and gives his support and coöperation to the Democratic party. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

**LUDLOW K. BURT,** of Shideler, Indiana, was born in Union township, Delaware county, Indiana, July 22, 1851, and received his education in the public schools. He is a son of Joseph and Minerva (Kane) Burt. Joseph Burt, the father, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Indiana with his father when but a mere boy. They located in Union township, three miles

southeast of Wheeling, and were among the first of the hardy band of pioneers who settled that section. Joseph Burt died July 12, 1852, in his thirtieth year. Mrs. Burt, the mother, was born in Ohio February 5, 1828, and was the mother by this marriage of two children: Amanda, wife of Clarkson Cates, and Ludlow K., subject of this sketch. Mrs. Burt was married, for the second time, to David Simonton, and became the mother of five children, but one of whom is now living, Mary E., the wife of the Rev. George L. Studebaker. Mrs. (Burt) Simonton passed to her reward September 15, 1903.

Our subject during his boyhood days worked on his father's farm and after his marriage engaged in farming for himself on a forty-acre tract of land, to which he later added eighty acres adjoining, and subsequently two hundred and twenty acres more. Here he resided until 1899, when he removed to the place where he now resides, which is the old homestead where his wife was born. The house, though built in 1866, is in a remarkable state of preservation and has been remodeled to make a fine modern farmhouse. The barn of the premises was built in 1847 and has been in continuous use since. This homestead property comprises seventy acres and is as fine a farm as there is in the township. Mr. Burt is a member of the Christian church and in politics is a staunch Republican.

On September 28, 1872, Mr. Burt was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Shideler, who was born in Hamilton township, Delaware county, Indiana, November 11, 1850. She is the daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Little) Shideler, and a sister of Isaac H. Shideler, an account of whose life appears elsewhere in these pages.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt are the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living: Edward W., who married Bertha Martin; Rolvin, who died in his twenty-second year; Lemon W., who married Bessie Hurt; Sarah; David F., who married Martha Wingate; Minerva, who died in infancy; Lola, Millie E., and Ora.

**JOHN FREEMAN.** Among the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Delaware county there is none more deserving of mention in the history of the county than John Freeman, of Hamilton township. He was born January 26, 1825, in Adams county, Ohio, and came to Delaware county with his parents as early as 1835, when he was but ten years of age. Since that early day he has maintained his residence in the county, and as he has now passed the eighty-second milestone on the journey of life, his residence here covers a period of seventy-two years or more.

Mr. Freeman's parents were Isaac and Jemimah (Moore) Freeman, both of whom were born in Scioto county, Ohio, and of their eight children John was the second oldest in order of birth. The family came to this

his family. This little cabin home, although long since deserted, still stands on the land, a mute reminder of the days of long ago. The father set about to clear the heavy timber from the land, eventually developing a fine farm, and in the work of clearing and developing he was assisted by his son, John, to whom was given title to fifty-five acres and on which he has continued to reside and farm during all these years. The father died in 1864, aged sixty-one years, and the mother survived until 1871, passing away at the age of seventy years. They were life members of the Methodist church, and the father affiliated with the Democracy, and in religious and political matters the son has followed in the footsteps of his parents. When they came to Delaware county, Muncie was a mere village and known as Munceytown, a few Indians being still here, and deer, turkey and other wild game were plentiful.

Amid these pioneer scenes John Freeman was reared. His advantages for an education were such as the old-time log schoolhouses afforded, and during his boyhood days he assisted his father on the farm and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, and then marrying, he settled down in life as a farmer, on the farm where he now and has always lived, following a quiet and unpretentious life. His marriage was solemnized in 1849, Mary J. Weir becoming his wife, and they were devoted companions for fifty-five years, when the faithful wife was called away in death, in 1905, aged seventy-five years. She was born in Ohio, and from that state came with her parents to Delaware county in 1836, when she was a girl of but six years. Her parents were Thomas and Mary Weir, natives of Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were born three children: Paulina, the wife of Fernando Storer, of Muncie; Thomas J., on the farm with his father, and he is one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of the county, and James B., the first born, who died when eleven months old. When seventeen years of age Mr. Freeman united with the Methodist church, and his wife was also a worthy member of that denomination from a very early age. Peaceful, quiet, honest and industrious, Mr. Freeman has won and retained the friendship of a host of acquaintances, and all honor and revere him for his sterling worth and true nobility of character.

JOHN VENABLE BAIRD, M. D. Prominent among the leading physicians of Albany is John V. Baird, M. D., a man of wide professional experience and one who has given much time and thought to the study of diseases and their cause. He is especially fitted for the work in which he is engaged, and the respect bestowed upon him by his fellow men bespeaks the eminent success that he has attained. A son of the late John Baird, he was born June 13, 1850, in Jay county, Indiana, and there grew to manhood. His paternal grandfather, Britton Baird, came to this country in 1790, locating first in New York state, but subsequently removed to Warren county, Ohio, where he resided the remainder of his life.

Born November 8, 1808, in York county, New York, John Baird was brought up on the farm which his father cleared and improved. Moving with his family to Indiana in August, 1839, he became a pioneer settler of Jay county. Taking up a tract of timbered land he improved a good homestead, on which he was engaged in general farming until his death on October 25, 1859, while yet in manhood's prime. He married, January 27, 1831, Eliza Staley, who survived him a number of years, passing away July 10, 1870. Of the nineteen children born of their union three are now living.

Spending his earlier years on the home farm, John Venable Baird obtained his elementary education in the district schools of his native town, subsequently attending Liber College. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and while thus employed began the study of law. At the end of a year, deciding to make a change of studies, Mr. Baird traded his law books for medical works, and the following two years read medicine with Dr. E. W. Moon. Going to Cincinnati in 1879, he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of that city and was there graduated in 1881 with the degree of M. D. Upon receiving his diploma Dr. Baird located in the village of Albany, where he has since been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, his skill and ability as a physician being recognized and appreciated. For twenty-seven years a resident of Albany, the Doctor is well known throughout this section of the county, and his genial manner and pleasant words make him a welcome visitor to the well and strong as well as to the sufferer to whom he ministers.

On August 26, 1875, Dr. Baird married Mrs. Aurelia J. Hays, by whom he had two sons, John W. and Morris B., both of whom are now living in Muncie, Indiana. Mrs. Aurelia J. Baird died February 28, 1890. The Doctor was married secondly, June 30, 1892, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to Miss Mary McGarvey, who was born August 14, 1857, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (McGrail) McGarvey, natives of Ireland. A woman of culture and ability, Mrs. Baird has earned the degree of M. D., having been graduated from the Indiana College of Physicians and Surgeons. She has a fine knowledge of the profession in which she is most successfully engaged, and her papers on medical subjects are widely read by the medical fraternity and are considered of much value.

A staunch Republican in his political views, Dr. Baird represented his district in the state legislature in 1902, doing excellent service to his constituents. Fraternally he is a member of Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 171, at Albany, and is also a member of the Red Men. Dr. Baird has two of the parchment deeds bearing the signature of President Van Buren, bearing the dates of August 20, 1838, and November 10, 1840; the sixth deed of the kind found in the county. He is also a collector of curios and as a collector of rare coins stands second to none in Delaware county. He has an Arabic coin dated 1388 and the United States coins from 1790 to the last coinage. Besides coins he classes as an archæologist and has some

rare specimens of ores, stones, minerals and Indian relics. He has a valuable library of about one thousand volumes.

**ALBERT M. POLAND.** Among the well known and respected citizens of Albany Albert M. Poland, an able and successful attorney-at-law, holds an assured position. A native of Delaware county, he was born February 12, 1870, at Sharon, Delaware township, being one of a family of seven children. His father, Nicholas Poland, was here engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, and was held in high respect as a man of honor and integrity.

Spending the days of his boyhood and youth on the parental homestead, Albert M. Poland early became familiar with the different branches of farming, and while engaged in this health-giving occupation developed a fine physique. Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the district schools, he afterwards turned his attention to the study of law, and in 1893, in Muncie, was admitted to the bar. He has since that time been actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Albany, devoting the greater part of his time to his legal work. Mr. Poland was married, January 9, 1895, to Miss Leatha Leavell, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, a daughter of James and Laura (Worley) Leavell. One child, a daughter named Opal, has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Poland.

Politically Mr. Poland is a staunch supporter of the principles promulgated by the Republican party and for two years rendered the city of Albany valuable service as a member of the town council. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and she takes an active interest in the Sunday School connected with it. Mr. Poland is a cultured and highly talented man, well versed in the intricacies of the law, and has filled the positions of trust and responsibility to which he has been called with great fidelity and ability.

**ALBERT P. MURRAY, M. D.** Occupying a place of prominence among the skillful and successful physicians of Albany is Albert P. Murray, M. D., who has built up a large and lucrative practice in this part of Delaware county. A son of the late Cornelius B. Murray, he was born October 18, 1846, near Blountsville, Henry county, Indiana. He comes of substantial stock, his paternal grandfather, William Murray, having served as a soldier in the war of 1812. The grandfather was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he lived until after his marriage with Mary Boles. In 1826, following the march of civilization westward, he moved with his family to Ohio. In 1833 he came to Indiana, settling first in Wayne county, but subsequently removing to Henry county, where he resided until his death, in 1856.

Cornelius B. Murray was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1812, and there spent the first few years of his life. At the

age of sixteen he came with his parents to Indiana and assisted in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving a homestead. Becoming a farmer from choice, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in either Wayne or Henry counties until his death, at the venerable age of eighty-three years. He was also a teacher for twenty years in Henry, Wayne and Delaware counties. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucinda Burroughs, died May 6, 1872, leaving ten children, namely: John C., William H., R. V., Martha E., Albert P., Orin, Orilla, Marcus L., C. C., and Julia. The father was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The mother was a consistent Christian woman and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Brought up on the home farm, Albert P. Murray laid a good foundation for his future education in the common schools of his neighborhood. In 1864, on February 8, he offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company K, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until after the close of the war, being honorably discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 18, 1865. With his brave comrades he took part in many important battles and campaigns, including the engagements in the Wilderness, and was present at the surrender of General Lee April 9, 1865, at Appomattox, Virginia. Returning home, Mr. Murray resumed his studies, first attending the Hagerstown Academy, and then pursued a course in Earlham College at Richmond. Beginning then the study of medicine with Dr. A. McElwee, of Hagerstown, Indiana, he remained with him until 1867, when he entered the Medical College of Ohio, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1869. Locating immediately in Sharon, Delaware township, Dr. Murray began the practice of his profession, remaining there two years. In 1871 he settled in Albany, and with the exception of the time that he was in Keokuk, Iowa, where he took a post-graduate course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, he has since remained. A man of much ability, progressive and studious, the Doctor keeps himself in touch with the modern methods of diagnosing and treating diseases, and as a general practitioner is meeting with well deserved success.

On January 25, 1872, Dr. Murray married Martha L. Orr, who was born in Liberty township July 30, 1850, a daughter of Col. Samuel and Jane (Moore) Orr. Her father was a distinguished soldier, having served as colonel of the Eighty-fourth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Five children have blessed the union of Doctor and Mrs. Murray, namely: Edgar C., Gertrude D., Leo, Weldon E., deceased, and Nellie. Politically

JAMES M. VANDERBURG, M. D. Noteworthy among the popular and prominent physicians of Albany is James M. Vanderburg, M. D., who has gained an extended reputation in the practice of his profession, his studies and experience giving him a knowledge and skill that have won for him the confidence and esteem of his patients and an assured position among the leading medical men of Delaware county. A native of Indiana, he was born near Winchester, Randolph county, April 9, 1869, a son of Arthur B. Vanderburg. His paternal grandfather, George W. Vanderburg, migrated from New York, becoming a pioneer settler of this state and one of its foremost agriculturists.

Reared on the homestead, Arthur Vanderburg selected farming as his life occupation, and in the various branches of general farming met with undisputed success. He married, at Economy, Indiana, Eunice Ross, whose parents removed from Kentucky to this state, which was her birth-place. Of their union two children were born: Clara, who married S. D. Hunt and died at Muncie, Indiana, in January, 1907; and J. M., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch. Both parents united with the Methodist Episcopal church when young.

After leaving the district school J. M. Vanderburg continued his studies in Indianapolis, attending the Eclectic College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated in 1893. Subsequently entering the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, he was there graduated with the class of 1898, and has since that time been established at Albany, where he has built up a large and remunerative practice and has become identified with the best interests of the city.

On August 2, 1893, Dr. Vanderburg married Nora, daughter of J. W. and Hester (Rees) Wilson, of Albany. Politically the Doctor is affiliated with the Republican party, and has rendered the city excellent service as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. Religiously both the Doctor and Mrs. Vanderburg are connected by membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they are faithful workers and towards the support of which they are willing contributors.

ULYSSES GRANT POWERS, M.D. As a successful physician and a representative of one of the old and honored families of Delaware county Dr. Powers is especially worthy of representation in a work of this kind. A son of the late Dr. James H. Powers, he was born March 12, 1864, in Albany, which has always been his home. He comes from a family of culture and talent, his Grandfather Powers having been one of the earliest school teachers of this part of the state, while his descendants for three generations have been noted as successful teachers.

Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and in 1850 began the practice of his profession at Albany, Indiana, and was here numbered among the able and successful physicians until his death in March of 1884 at the age of sixty-five years. He married, in Albany, Miss Lucinda Mann, who is still living in this city, an honored and beloved woman of seventy-five years. He was a member of the Masonic order, and with his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife a family of five children, four sons and one daughter, were born. Two children, inheriting the ability of their ancestors, were for many years among the most successful educators of Albany and Delaware township, teaching in the public schools of the city. The sister, Laura M., is now one of the most successful teachers in the county, she having been in charge of the primary department of the Albany public school for twenty years.

Endowed by nature with scholarly talents, Dr. Powers completed the course in the Albany grammar school and then entered the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana, and later studied at Delaware, Ohio, after which he entered the Indiana Medical College in Indianapolis, from which he was graduated with honors in the class of 1894. For seven years previous to entering this institution, however, he had taught school most successfully, being especially popular as an instructor. Since his graduation the Doctor has been located in Albany, and, following in the footsteps of his father, has built up an extensive practice and now enjoys the reputation of being one of the most skillful and faithful physicians in the city of Albany.

In Albany, June 26, 1901, Dr. Powers married Miss Laura H. Stafford, a daughter of James E. Stafford. Mrs. Powers was a successful teacher in instrumental music, being a student at Greencastle, Indiana, and the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

Into their home one child, Carroll Lucille, has been born. Energetic and progressive, the Doctor is a man of influence in his community and is held in high esteem by his fellow men. Fraternally he is a member of Anthony Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Albany, Indiana; of the Knights of Pythias, No. 378, of Albany, Indiana, and of the Knights of the Maccabees.

JOHN A. DOWELL, M.D. Conspicuous among the successful physicians of Albany, and noteworthy for his keen intelligence and his high mental attainments, is John A. Dowell, M.D., who is meeting with signal success in the practice of his profession. A native of Ohio, he was born April 18, 1857, in Urbana, a son of William H. Dowell, and comes of substantial Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, John Dowell, served as a soldier in the war of 1812.

William H. Dowell was born in Virginia, but in early life moved to Ohio and was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Champaign county until his

Toledo, Ohio. Thirteen children were born of their union, nine sons and four daughters. One son, William H., Jr., was graduated from the same medical institution as the subject of this sketch, the Eclectic Collegiate Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a prosperous practitioner.

Receiving his diploma at the Urbana high school when but sixteen years old, John A. Dowell immediately began teaching school, and was thus employed for eight consecutive years. Desirous of entering upon a medical career, he entered the Cincinnati Eclectic Collegiate Institute, from which he was graduated with the class of 1881. Settling then in his native state, Dr. Dowell first engaged in the practice of medicine at Urbana, Ohio, going from there to Springfield, Ohio, where he met with excellent success. In 1903 the Doctor took up his residence in Albany, where he is meeting with flattering results in the exercise of his profession, having gained a good reputation as a practitioner of skill and has won a fine patronage.

In Champaign county, Ohio, in 1878, Dr. Dowell married Belle Harper, a daughter of Hugh C. Harper, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Ethelyn, who married Dwight Hinckley, a son of Dr. H. Hinckley, of the Cincinnati Medical College; and Blanche. In politics the Doctor is a Republican, and active in party ranks, having served as a delegate to different conventions. He is a member of the Albany board of health, and socially belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. As his great-grandfather, John Hamilton, was in the Revolutionary war, the Doctor and his family are eligible to become members of the order The Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. The Doctor traces his lineage to the bonnie Scotland Highlanders.

JOHN L. TULLEY. Conspicuous among the enterprising, practical and progressive business men of Albany is J. L. Tulley, superintendent of the Albany waterworks. Possessing excellent mechanical and executive ability, he has won well-deserved success in his various undertakings by his thorough mastery of his calling, his fidelity to his trusts and by his honest dealings with all with whom he comes in contact. A native of Indiana, he was born February 12, 1871, in Jay county, where his father, Joseph Tulley, was a pioneer settler, migrating there from Pennsylvania.

Brought up in Jay county, Indiana, J. L. Tulley acquired the rudiments of his education in the public schools. He subsequently took a course in civil engineering, and as a local surveyor obtained a practical experience that has since been of great benefit to him. He afterwards assisted in building light and water plants in different places, and for three years was connected with the management of the Consolidated Water and Light Plant of Chicago, Illinois, serving as engineer and erecting their plant. Coming from Chicago to Indiana, Mr. Tulley worked in the same capacity in several towns and cities, for awhile being the builder of the Vincennes Light Company's plant, erected in 1901. Exercising his mechanical ingenuity to some purpose, he has made inventions of permanent value, one being a gauge for

measuring oil. Mr. Tulley was also instrumental in having one of the leading industries of the city established here, the Albany Automobile Works, of which he is president. This plant is well equipped with modern machinery and gives employment to twenty men. The runabouts manufactured are sold throughout the Union, their reputation as easy-running, strong and durable machines being well established.

On October 3, 1891, Mr. Tulley was married in Red Key, Indiana, to Miss M. R. Hastings, a daughter of Newton Hastings, of that place. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tulley has been brightened by the birth of three children, namely, Leonard, Dora and Raymond. Politically Mr. Tulley sustains the principles of the Independent party, and religiously he and his wife are members of the Christian church at Albany, Indiana. Fraternally Mr. Tulley is chancellor commander of Castle Hall Lodge No. 378, Knights of Pythias, and he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 12, at Albany, Indiana.

WALTER P. MCCORMICK. Standing prominent among the foremost business men of Albany is Walter P. McCormick, who as a dealer in hardware, furniture and undertaking goods is actively identified with its mercantile industries, and as a member of the common council is as far as possible promoting its highest and best interests. He is a member of the firm of McCormick Brothers, which in the spring of 1907 succeeded the firm of McCormick & Sons, the latter firm locating in this city in 1900. This firm is advantageously located in the Odd Fellows' block, and in its three large store rooms carries an immense stock of goods, and also has a large tinner's room for working purposes. The original firm, the Standard Manufacturing Company, was for many years located at Eaton, Delaware county, and was among the largest and most prosperous manufacturers of that place. In 1900 the firm transferred its business to Albany, continuing under the same name for seven years before it was changed to its present form.

A son of R. B. McCormick, Walter P. McCormick received excellent educational advantages, and was early trained to habits of industry, honesty and thrift. His immediate ancestors were for many years residents of Ohio, removing from there to Indiana in pioneer days. As a young man he was admitted to the firm of McCormick & Sons in Eaton, Indiana, and later, in 1907, became a member of the firm of McCormick Brothers, of Albany. He married, in Delaware county, Miss Bessie M. Nixon, a woman of much culture, and they have two children, namely, Robert and W. Myron. In his political views Mr. McCormick is a stanch Republican, and for the past two years has served as alderman. Socially he is an important member of the

caskets. He has a two thousand dollar funeral car. His certificate number is 1035.

EDWIN R. PUGH. Prominent among the respected and honored men of Delaware township is Edwin R. Pugh, who is a noble type of the citizen soldier, equally true to his country on the battlefield or in the peaceful surroundings of his home, and his family and friends may well be proud of his honorable and manly record during the Civil war. A son of the late Benjamin Pugh, he was born May 2, 1841, at Blountsville, Henry county, Indiana, of excellent patriotic ancestry.

A native of Ohio, Benjamin Pugh was born and bred in Warren county. He subsequently settled as a tailor in Blountsville, Indiana, and there resided until his death, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Lavinia Dougherty, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Edwin Dougherty, who rendered gallant service in the war of 1812. Eight children blessed their union, namely: William, who served during the Civil war in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and died at Parker City, Indiana; Catherine; Edwin R., the subject of this sketch; Rebecca; Elizabeth; Oscar, who enlisted as a boy of sixteen years in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and was killed in Mississippi; Sarah and Jane.

Brought up in Henry and Delaware counties, Edwin R. Pugh remained with his parents until seventeen years of age, when he went to Illinois. At the breaking out of the Civil war all of the patriotic blood flowing through his veins was aroused, and on April 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain George Walster and Colonel C. C. Marsh. With his comrades he went first to Joliet, Illinois, thence to Alton, and from there to St. Louis, Missouri. He was subsequently stationed for a time at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, from there being transferred to Birdpoint. With his regiment he was next sent to Cairo, Illinois, where he remained until February, 1862. He was then sent with his regiment to the front and saw service on the battlefield at Forts Henry and Donelson, and took part in the siege of Corinth, the engagement at Pittsburgh Landing and in other battles of minor importance in Tennessee, including the skirmishes at Denmark, that state, and at Britts Levee. In the fall of 1862 Mr. Pugh marched with the troops commanded by General Grant to Memphis, thence to the Mississippi river, which he crossed just below Vicksburg. In that state he took an active part in the battles at Magnolia Creek and Raymond's Mines, and was afterwards present at the siege of Vicksburg, and at a battle fought under the command of General John A. Logan, being also with that gallant hero at the engagement at Black River. After the surrender of Vicksburg Mr. Pugh was for two or three months stationed with his comrades at Black River bridge, going from there to Meridian. For a time he was with General Sherman, with him returning to Vicksburg, where he was given a furlough of thirty days, and returned to Springfield, Illinois, thence home. At the expiration of his furlough Mr.

Pugh joined his regiment at Cairo, Illinois, and was ordered to accompany General Sherman to Atlanta, Georgia, being attached to the division commanded by General Frank P. Blair, and took part in the many engagements during the famous march to the sea. At one of the hardest fought engagements the brave General McPherson lost his life. Subsequently with the remaining members of his regiment Mr. Pugh was present at the grand review in Washington, D. C., after which he received his honorable discharge from service, July 16, 1865, at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Illinois.

Shortly after the close of the war Mr. Pugh settled at Parker City, Indiana, remaining there until 1893, when he removed to Desoto, Delaware county. For the past twenty years he has been prosperously employed in agricultural pursuits, and as mentioned above has cleared and improved a beautiful and valuable farm, on which he resides, contented and happy.

In Parker City, Indiana, Mr. Pugh married Carrie Beverly, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, near Fountain City, a daughter of Thomas Beverly, who married Sarah Aldre, by whom he had a family of fifteen children, two sons and thirteen daughters. Of this large family but three children survive, namely: William, the oldest son, Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts, of Hagerstown, and Mrs. Pugh. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beverly were born in North Carolina, and both died in Wayne county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh are the parents of two children, namely: Mrs. Ethel Ault, of Desoto, and Harry. Politically Mr. Pugh is a decided Republican, and socially he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**EBEN L. LEWIS.** Among the wideawake, energetic and prosperous business men of Albany Eben L. Lewis holds high rank, having been here successfully engaged as a dealer in real estate for the past ten years. He is widely known throughout Delaware county, and at the present time is making a specialty of selling Southern Texas lands, dealing largely in lands lying in the southwestern part of that state. A son of Abraham Lewis, he was born in Hartford City, Blackford county, Indiana, November, 22, 1868. He is of pioneer ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Job Lewis, having emigrated from Pennsylvania, his native state, to Indiana in 1835.

Abraham Lewis spent a large part of his life at Hartford City, living there until his death in 1875. His wife survives him and is still a resident of that place. He was a faithful member of the United Brethren church, he and his wife joining when young. They were the parents of three children.

Attending the public schools of his native city when young, Eben L. Lewis was a bright, ambitious student, and easily won a reputation for ability and intelligence. He subsequently studied pharmacy, and after leaving Hartford City was for several years engaged in the drug business at Kokomo, Indiana. Coming from there to Albany, Mr. Lewis was for two years connected with a mill, after which he engaged in the sale of real estate in this vicinity. From year to year he has enlarged his operations,

and is now dealing chiefly in Texas lands, with which he is well acquainted, having traveled extensively in that state. As a man of honor and integrity, upright in all of his dealings, he has the respect and esteem of his fellow men and as a valued citizen is held in high regard.

In Carroll county, Indiana, Mr. Lewis married Mary Dunn, a daughter of Isaac Dunn, of Kokomo, and they have one child, Esther. Mrs. Lewis is a pleasant, accomplished woman, and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lewis takes an intelligent interest in public matters and has rendered the city valuable service, having for two years been a member of the common council and a member of the Albany school board for the same length of time. Socially he is a member of lodge No. 171, A. F. & A. M., and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which is is a past grand.

CLAUDE A. BURDICK. A man of superior business qualities, intelligent and capable, Claude A. Burdick is intimately associated with the advancement of those interests which so largely assist in promoting the welfare of Albany and add to its attractions as a business and residential city. He is officially connected with one of the important organizations of the place, being secretary and treasurer of the Wheeler Gas & Oil Company, which furnishes light and fuel to the people. A son of C. A. Burdick, Sr., he was born March 17, 1879, at Smethport, McKean county, Pennsylvania, in the heart of the oil region, where his father was for thirty-five years engaged in mercantile business. He comes of honored colonial ancestry, being descended from an old and well known New England family. His great-great-grandfather, Hazard Burdick, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, which entitles Mr. Burdick, of this review, as well as his father and brother to become members of the great order in America known as the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, an honor few can claim. His brother, Ralph E. Burdick, is a successful business man of Smethport, Pennsylvania, holding the position of treasurer with the Hamlin Bank and Trust Company.

Growing to manhood in his native county, Claude A. Burdick received a practical common school education, and at the age of fourteen years began working in the oil fields. During the Spanish-American war he served for eight months as a member of Company B, Fourteenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Bartlett. He subsequently spent some time in the oil regions of West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, there becoming familiar with the details of the oil industry. In February, 1906, Mr. Burdick came to Albany, and since making this city his home has been an important factor in advancing its business and financial enterprises. In February, 1906, when the Wheeler Gas and Oil Company was incorporated, with H. A. Wheeler as president and John R. Brown as vice president, he was made its secretary and treasurer, positions that he is filling with ability and fidelity. After its organization this company purchased the gas plants, the Coöperative Gas Light, Fuel and Petroleum Mining and Exploring Com-

pany, and other gas wells in this vicinity, and has established business on a substantial foundation. It has since put in pipes and lines to all parts of the town, and partially to Delaware and Niles townships, and is giving general satisfaction to its many patrons, in the management of its plant being ably assisted by Mr. Burdick, who is experienced in all matters pertaining to the oil and gas business, and is an exceptionally good mechanic. The Wheeler Gas and Oil Company has become a fixture and one of the stable enterprises of the pretty town of Albany, as well as its contiguous territory, and is proving a blessing to the citizens or patrons. Politically Mr. Burdick is identified with the Republican party, and socially he is a member of Bethel lodge, No. 731, I. O. O. F.

BENJAMIN J. ZEHNER. Occupying a prominent position among the leading agriculturists of Delaware township is Benjamin J. Zehner, who is prosperously engaged in his free and independent occupation on section 12, where he has a good farm of one hundred and one acres. His land is under a most excellent state of tillage, and he is paying considerable attention to stock interests as a general farmer, working intelligently and ably. He is in the prime of life, his birth having occurred June 5, 1867, on the homestead farm of his father, the late Daniel Zehner. His grandfather, Benjamin Zehner, was a pioneer settler of this township, and soon after his arrival here built a grist mill, which he operated for many years, carrying on an extensive milling business.

Born and bred on a farm, Daniel Zehner continued a farmer during his entire life of fifty-six years, living in Delaware township. He married Sarah Bantz, by whom he had three children, namely: Orry M., of Athens, Alabama; Benjamin J., the subject of this brief biographical sketch; and Eli A., of Bloomington, Indiana. The mother died when but twenty-five years of age, leaving her little family desolate, indeed. She and her husband were both sincere and faithful members of the Lutheran church.

Left motherless when a small child, Benjamin J. Zehner was brought up in his Grandfather Zehner's family, receiving his early education in the common schools. He assisted as a boy in the labors of the farm, thus receiving a training in agricultural pursuits that has since been of inestimable value to him. Starting in life on his own account, he purchased land lying in section 12 as before stated, and by dint of energy, perseverance and wise management has brought it to an excellent state of culture, it being now one of the most fertile and productive of any in the neighborhood. Among other improvements of value which he has placed upon it is a handsome two-story house, containing eight rooms, and substantial outbuildings, these with their

Delaware county in search of fortune, and here married Martha C. Strong, a daughter of John W. Strong, of whom further ancestral history may be found elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of George R. Strong. Mr. and Mrs. De Haven reared four children, namely: John W., living on the parental homestead; Frank L., of this township; Amy E., wife of Mr. Zehner; and Jesse O., of this township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Zehner, namely: Frances F., Martha W. and a son that died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Zehner are highly esteemed and respected members of the society which surrounds them and enjoy the confidence and regard of all who know them. As an enterprising and progressive farmer Mr. Zehner has no superior in this part of the state. Mrs. Zehner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their pretty homestead is known as "The Catalpa Avenue Farm."

DAVID MICHAEL. Prominent among the representative agriculturists of Delaware township is David Michael, proprietor of Oakland Farm, which is finely located on section 15, two and one-half miles from Albany. He is a man of energy, enterprise and good business capacity, and has ever been a useful member of the community, ably assisting in developing and promoting its best interests. A son of Adam Michael, he was born August 12, 1847, in Clark county, Ohio. He comes of loyal and patriotic stock, his Grandfather Michael, a native of Pennsylvania, having fought under General William H. Harrison in the war of 1812.

Born and brought up in Ohio, Adam Michael early turned his attention to farming pursuits, in 1851 taking up land in Delaware county, Indiana, whither he had moved with his family. By dint of persevering labor he cleared a large tract of wild land and improved the comfortable homestead on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of fifty-six years. He was twice married. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Over, he had six children, two of whom are now living, namely: David, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned, and Emma, wife of Joseph Zehner, of Albany. By his first marriage he had two children, one of whom, George Michael, of Niles township, served as a soldier in the Civil war. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

But four years of age when he came with his parents to Delaware township, David Michael was here bred and educated. In his boyhood days fine school buildings, spacious church edifices, costly residences and substantial barns were things unknown in this locality. Neither telegraph nor telephone lines spanned these broad acres, nor were the luxurious railway trains of this day known. In strange contrast to the well-equipped school buildings of today was the rude log cabin, with its slab seats and desks, in which he obtained the rudiments of his education, and in which his half-brother, William Michael, for a time wielded the birch. On the paternal homestead while yet a boy Mr. Michael obtained a practical insight into the mysteries of agriculture, and has since made this his principal occupation. Profiting by his

father's knowledge and experience, he has been very successful as a general farmer, his estate, known far and wide as "The Oakland Farm," having its one hundred and eighty acres of choice land under excellent cultivation and management. It is amply supplied with the best machinery for carrying on his work after the latest approved modern methods, while his residence is comfortable and conveniently arranged, the place being one of the most attractive in the community. On this farm there have been about twenty oil wells, mostly in operation at present.

Mr. Michael married, October 31, 1878, Catherine Zehner, a daughter of Benjamin and Hester (Hoppis) Zehner, pioneer settlers of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Michael are the parents of three children, namely: Samuel Wilbur, of Delaware township, who married Miss Nellie Simmons; Hester, living at home, and Joseph W., who married Miss Hazel Bartlett and owns and occupies a farm near his old home. In his political views Mr. Michael is independent, using his own best judgment in casting his ballot. Religiously he belongs to the Christian church of Albany and Mrs. Michael is a member of the Lutheran church.

GEORGE SEWARD SELLER. Delaware township is a rich and fertile agricultural center and among the enterprising and self-reliant men who are ably conducting its farming interests is George Seward Sheller, owning and occupying a good homestead on section 20. He was born in Delaware township this county, September 5, 1854, a son of Adam Sheller, a pioneer settler of that place.

A native of Ohio, Adam Sheller was born and reared in Clark county, and there learned the rudiments of farming as carried on in those early days. Soon after taking upon himself the cares and responsibilities of a married man he migrated westward, coming to Delaware county in search of land that he could afford to buy. Taking up a tract of land that was still in its virgin wildness, he erected a small log cabin, and at once began the improving of a homestead. He was an earnest and honest tiller of the soil, and by dint of persevering labor succeeded in making his one hundred and sixty acres of land one of the best farming estates in the locality. He acquired an assured position among the foremost farmers of the community, living there an honored and respected citizen until his death at a venerable age. He married, when but nineteen years old, Mary Pittenger, who was born in Pennsylvania but was reared and educated in Ohio. Of their union ten children were born, namely: Mrs. Barbara Lake, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jacob H., who was killed by a railroad accident in 1907, at the age of sixty-three years, leaving a widow and three children; Elizabeth, deceased; John B., of Dunkirk, Indiana; George Seward, the subject of this sketch; Mary

contributing generously towards the support of public worship, and the father was for many years an officer of the church, serving as trustee and steward.

Reared on the home farm, George Seward Sheller attended the district school as a boy, and as soon as old enough began to assist his father in the management of the homestead, working with true pioneer courage. Starting in life for himself he continued his agricultural pursuits, and nearly a quarter of a century ago purchased the land on which he now resides. The soil was rich, yielding readily to cultivation, and under the judicious management of Mr. Sheller has become one of the most productive farms in the township. Maple Grove, as he has named his estate, is well improved and is furnished with a substantial set of farm buildings and plenty of machinery of the most approved kinds for carrying on agricultural work.

At Granville, Delaware county, September 27, 1883, Mr. Sheller married Harriet Crooks, who was born in that town January 16, 1863, a daughter of Calvin Crooks. Mr. Crooks moved from Huntington county, Indiana, to this county, becoming a pioneer of Niles township. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriett Becker, was born in New York state, and died in Indiana, at the early age of twenty-seven years, leaving two children, George M., who died when forty-five years old, and Mrs. Sheller. Mr. and Mrs. Sheller are the parents of ten children, namely: Mary E., wife of Ira Madill, of this township; Glen, Adam, Gertrude, Rose, Paul, Robert, Lettie, Arthur and Calvin. Politically Mr. Sheller supports the principles of the Democratic party by voice and vote. Religiously Mrs. Sheller is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**JOHN W. MARSH.** Prominent among the representative agriculturists of Delaware township is John W. Marsh, who is busily engaged in the prosecution of his independent calling on one of the most valuable and attractive estates in this part of the county, the farm being widely known as "The Maples." He is a son of the late Charles Marsh, and a grandson of one John Marsh, who was born in old Virginia, of Irish ancestry, and died in Indiana at the age of seventy-eight years.

A native of Virginia, Charles Marsh was born February 25, 1819. At the age of seventeen years he migrated with his parents to Ohio, locating in Greene county, where he assisted in the pioneer labors of clearing and improving a farm. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he selected agriculture as the occupation to which he should devote his energies, and for a few years was employed in tilling the soil in Ohio. In 1866 he came with his family to Delaware township, purchased a tract of land and began life in this state in the small log cabin which stood upon the estate. Industrious, energetic and farsighted, he labored untiringly, and in his agricultural labors met with eminent success. He made valuable improvements and was amply repaid by fortune for all the trials and privations that he endured in his early days. In 1876 he erected a large and commodious frame house, and in course of time had a fine set of farm buildings on his place, which was named "The

Maples." The home farm consists of one hundred and ten acres of grain, pasture and wood land, and in addition to other improvements has a fine bearing orchard. In the care of this homestead he took great pleasure and delight, living upon it until his death, which occurred April 11, 1904, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. He was everywhere respected as a man of sterling worth and honesty, and as a citizen occupied a place of influence. He was a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Charles Marsh married, in 1857, in Greene county, Ohio, Jane Maxey, who proved herself a worthy wife and helpmate to her husband. She was born in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, October 14, 1831, a daughter of Martin and Martha (Scarff) Maxey, both of whom were born in Virginia, from whence they removed to Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Of the children born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marsh four are living, namely: Martha E., wife of Henry S. Pittenger, of Blackford county, Indiana; Laura L., who lives mostly on the home farm; James M., of Smithfield, and John W., the subject of this sketch. One daughter, Mrs. Mary C. Pittenger, died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving two children, Alcía C. and Wayne G.

WILLIAM L. CORY. Closely identified with the manufacturing interests of Albany is William L. Cory, secretary and treasurer of the Albany Automobile Works. A man of sterling integrity, honest and upright in all of his dealings, he is held in high regard throughout the community in which he resides not only as an able business man but as a useful and valued citizen. A son of Michael Cory, he was born in Delaware county, Indiana, April 6, 1862, coming from substantial pioneer stock, his grandfather, Daniel Cory, a native of Ohio, having migrated from that state to Indiana at a very early day.

Michael Cory was born in Henry county, Indiana, and there received his early education, attending the pioneer school of his time. Becoming a farmer, he was successfully employed as a tiller of the soil, teacher and merchant during his active career, and now, at the age of seventy-one, is living on the old homestead near Matthews, Indiana. He married Louisa Canada, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, the descendant of a prominent Quaker family of that county.

After leaving the public schools where he received his rudimentary education W. L. Cory continued his studies at Danville, Indiana, after which he attended the State Normal School at Terre Haute. At the age of nineteen years he embarked upon a professional career, and during the time that he was engaged as a teacher won an excellent reputation as an educator and disciplinarian. He taught in various places in this state, being in Tipton two years, at Middletown three years, at Sheldon three years, and for six years served most acceptably as principal and superintendent of the Albany schools. When, on September 28, 1906, the Albany Automobile Works were organ-

ized, with about twenty of the city's most enterprising men as stockholders, Mr. Cory became the secretary and treasurer of the company, the other officers being J. L. Tulley, president, and Walter Bryan, vice president. Mr. Tulley, the head of the firm, is a man of much mechanical and executive ability, and is patentee of the machine here made.

The plant of the Albany Automobile Works is advantageously located, the main building being a fine, two-story brick, ninety by one hundred and twenty-five feet, and its various departments, including the machine shop, the power house, assembling, paint and test rooms, are thoroughly equipped with all modern machinery and appliances used in an automobile factory. Since its establishment this factory has built up a prosperous business, its cars being sold all over the country, from Maine to California. In July, 1907, seven cars were shipped to different states of the Union.

Mr. Cory was married, March 29, 1886, to Ida Eastes, a daughter of Dr. W. T. Eastes. She is a talented and cultured woman, and prior to her marriage was a very successful teacher in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Cory are the parents of two children, namely: Edith M. and Harold A. Fraternally Mr. Cory is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Religiously he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**JAMES W. ST. CLAIR.** Numbered among the skilful and successful agriculturists of Delaware county is James W. St. Clair, whose well-managed and well-kept farm is located on section 10. Enterprising and progressive, he holds high rank among the useful and influential men of his community, and as a citizen is eminently worthy of the respect and esteem so generously accorded him. He is a man of striking presence, tall and well proportioned, standing six feet high, weighing two hundred and twenty-six pounds, and is of good muscular development. A son of the late Thomas St. Clair, Jr., he was born July 11, 1855, in Grafton, Taylor county, West Virginia, and there was bred and educated. He comes of distinguished ancestry, being a lineal descendant of General Arthur St. Clair, who served as an officer in the Revolutionary army, and subsequently won laurels as an Indian fighter, being the hero of several engagements with the savages in both Ohio and Indiana.

A son of Thomas St. Clair, Sr., Thomas St. Clair, Jr., was born in West Virginia, and spent the larger part of his active career as a tiller of the soil, although for a while he was in the employ of the government as a wagon master. He married Drusilla Shaffer, who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, being the daughter of Jacob Shaffer. She died September 10, 1906, esteemed and beloved for the strength and simplicity of her character and the purity and uprightness of her life. He was a man of fine character, a sturdy supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and, with his wife, belonged to the United Brethren church. Six children were born of their union, namely: Loretta Finley; James W., the special subject of this sketch; Arlington, of Benwood, West Virginia;

Ossa, of Simpson, West Virginia; Samuel, who is in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company as foreman and superintendent of the bridge department, and Arminda Bartlett, of Webster, West Virginia.

Among the rugged hills and pleasant dales of his native state, James W. St. Clair spent his early life, obtaining such education as he could in the common schools, subsequently supplementing the knowledge thus acquired by extensive reading, observation and experience. While at home he assisted in the labors incidental to farming, and has since been almost entirely engaged in agricultural pursuits. Soon after beginning his active career Mr. St. Clair came to Indiana in order to verify the glowing reports that he had heard in regard to the richness and fertility of its soil, and was so pleased with the land and its possibilities that he remained here. Buying his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Delaware township, he has spared neither time nor expense in its improvement, and has now one of the most comfortable and attractive farming estates to be found in that part of the county. A systematic and thorough farmer, his land has been highly cultivated and improved, and everything about his premises indicates in a marked degree the care and supervision of a wise manager.

In Muncie, Indiana, April 14, 1875, Mr. St. Clair married Anna E. Markwell, a daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Over) Markwell, both natives of the Buckeye state. Mr. Markwell was a life-long farmer and a member of the Lutheran church. To him and his wife two children were born, one being Mrs. St. Clair and the other Henry, a resident of Delaware county. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair are the parents of the following children, viz.: Dora Gebhard, of Muncie, Indiana; Clara Calhoun, of Fair View, and Carrie Bader, of Red Key, Indiana, are twins; Minnie Nenstiel; Asa E., who is married and lives in Delaware township; Glennie Mabel; Addie; Loverna; and Okay R., the eighth child in order of birth, who died, aged eighteen months. Mr. St. Clair is a stanch advocate of the temperance cause and takes high ground on that issue, and in his political affiliations is a strong Prohibitionist. He and his wife and family are members of the Christian church at Albany, and he is one of its active workers, serving as clerk in the official board. He takes an intelligent interest in public affairs and while a resident of Albany served three years as city marshal. One of the progenitors of the St. Clairs being an officer in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war makes him and his posterity eligible to the order of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution.

WYCLIFFE W. ROSS. A residence of fourteen years in the city of Albany

Randolph county, February 22, 1877. His paternal grandfather, Rev. Wesley D. Ross, a preacher in the Christian church, was one of the pioneer circuit riders of Randolph county, and in the pursuance of his pious duties traveled over an immense stretch of territory to reach his appointments. In wide contrast to the modes of travel by the clergymen of the present day these long trips were oft-times laboriously made in rude lumber wagons, and very frequently over heavy and almost impassable roads. He was a man of strong personality, and for many years was a faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard.

M. L. Ross was born in Parker City, Randolph county, and for upwards of thirty-five years has been engaged in the livery business in his native county. He is numbered among the substantial citizens of his home town, and is one of the earnest supporters of the Republican party. He married Sabina J. McNess, a daughter of John B. McNess, of Randolph county, and into their household eight children were born, namely: W. W., the subject of this sketch; Bertha, deceased; Marion A., Grace E., M. C., Rose E., Ralph McNess and Jesse S.

Attending the public schools during his earlier years, Wycliffe W. Ross obtained a substantial education, and as soon as old enough to begin the battle of life on his own account embarked in the business followed by his father. In 1903 he located in Albany, at the corner of Broadway and State street, where he has a large, two-story brick building, admirably adapted for a livery stable. He keeps a fine stock of horses, good roadsters, gentle and speedy, and has a good supply of up-to-date carriages and surreys. Thoroughly acquainted with the business in which he is so successfully employed, Mr. Ross has won a large and lucrative patronage in Albany and vicinity, and is known as one of the most accommodating and popular liverymen of this section of the state.

In Albany, Indiana, December 12, 1901, Mr. Ross married Rosa B. Wroughton, daughter of John H. and Mary E. (Starr) Wroughton. John H. Wroughton died September 29, 1907, and is interred in Muskogee, Indian Territory. John F. McNally was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Ross, and her grandfather, Cyrus L. Wroughton, was one of the earliest settlers of Delaware township, Delaware county. Four children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, namely: Lafe E., Lelia E., Naomi Grace and Vivian Pearl.

CYRUS J. STAFFORD. Among the wideawake, energetic and progressive agriculturists of Delaware county who have attained success from a financial point of view is Cyrus J. Stafford, a well-known farmer and stock raiser, who has won an extended reputation as a breeder and raiser of fine horses. He was born July 3, 1869, in Delaware township, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, George A. Stafford. He comes of good old Irish stock, his great-grandparents, George and Catherine (Fair) Stafford, having

emigrated from Ireland, where they were born and bred, to the United States, locating in old Virginia.

Ralph Stafford, the grandfather of Cyrus J., was born in 1806 in Giles county, Virginia. In early manhood, desiring to try the hazard of new fortunes, he crossed the country to Indiana, at times following an almost trackless path through the dense forests. Locating in Delaware township, he purchased a tract of wild land, on which his first improvement was the erection of a log cabin for a dwelling. He was a hard-working, persevering man, and as a farmer met with success, living on the homestead which he cleared until his death. He married Jane Black, who was born May 30, 1815, in Clark county, Ohio, a daughter of Andrew and Susan (Ross) Black, and into the household thus established five children were born, namely: George A., James E., John H., William H. and Susan M.

George A. Stafford was born on the parental homestead, in this township, November 23, 1835, and has here spent his entire life. When old enough to labor he assisted his father in the labors of the farm, watching with gratification its gradual transformation into a rich and productive estate. He subsequently embarked in agricultural pursuits on his own account, and, profiting by the lessons learned in the days of his youth, became very prosperous as a farmer, acquiring much wealth, and early becoming a citizen of prominence and influence. He married Sarah A. Zehner, who was born June 14, 1844, in Wayne county, where her parents, Bert and Hester (Hoppis) Zehner, were early settlers. Of their union four children were born, namely: David R., who died in February, 1898, at the age of thirty-one years; Cyrus J., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Emma C. Brammer, and Roy J.

Brought up on the home farm, Cyrus J. Stafford acquired a good common school education, and while yet a youth became familiar with farm work. Having a natural aptitude for farming, it followed as a matter of course that he should specially study its various branches and make this industry his lifework. As he accumulated money Mr. Stafford wisely invested it in land, and has now a finely-improved farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, well located in a rich agricultural region. He makes a specialty of raising hackney horses, having on his stock farm some of the finest horses of that grade to be found in this part of Indiana. A young man of ambition, energy and excellent business ability, he is making a grand success in his operations, his life record thus far being such as to reflect credit on the place of his nativity.

In 1892, in Delaware township, Mr. Stafford married Cora Marquell, who was born here, a daughter of James Marquell, a well-known resident and one of its representative men. Mr. Marquell is a native born citizen, his birth occurring January 7, 1844, on the homestead improved by his father, Nason Marquell. Of English ancestry, Nason Marquell was born and reared in Virginia. Migrating from there to Ohio, he lived for two years in Greene county, from there coming to Delaware county in 1832, as a pioneer settler,

and was here employed as a tiller of the soil until his death, at the age of seventy years. He married Elizabeth Selvey, a daughter of Samuel Selvey, who came from Virginia to this township at an early day. She died on the home farm, at the age of sixty-five years. She was a true Christian and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the children born of their marriage three survive, namely: William, who served in an Ohio regiment for four years during the Civil war and is now in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Lucinda McGallier and James. James Marquell has been engaged in agricultural pursuits the greater part of his active life, and by thoroughgoing, systematic methods and keen foresight in the management of his affairs has met with unquestioned success in his operations. On September 12, 1865, he married Louisa Godlove, who was born in Delaware township, a daughter of Abram and Laura (Sellers) Godlove. Four children were born into their home, of whom Cora, wife of Mr. Stafford, is the only one living. One child died in infancy; a son, William, died when seventeen years old; and a daughter, Eliza Jane, who married James Selvey, died at the age of thirty-two years, leaving one child.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford four children have been born, namely: Ethel E., Cloyd C., Irvine E. and Lottie.

LEWIS H. STONER. Distinguished as a native born citizen of Delaware county and as an enterprising and progressive business man of Albany, L. H. Stoner is eminently worthy of representation in this biographical volume. A son of Frederick Stoner, he was born October 12, 1857, in Delaware township, not far from Albany, and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth.

Coming from Ohio to Indiana at an early day, Frederick Stoner settled as a pioneer in Delaware township. Purchasing a tract of wild land, he built a rude log house for himself and family, and with characteristic industry and courage began the improvement of a homestead. For many years he carried on general farming successfully, and at the same time followed his trade of a brickmason. In this capacity he assisted in the building of many of the substantial residences of the place, including among others the home of J. B. McKinney. A man of sterling integrity and worth, he was held in high respect throughout the community in which he resided, his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-nine years, being a loss to the town and county. He married Jane McKinney, who died at the age of sixty-eight years. Nine children were born of their union, three of whom are living, namely: Jefferson, of Des Moines, Iowa; James; and Lewis H., the special subject of this brief sketch.

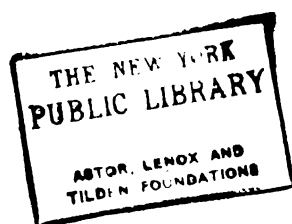
Growing to man's estate on the home farm, Lewis H. Stoner attended the pioneer schools of the neighborhood, and under the wise tuition of his parents was trained to habits of industry and economy, thus in youth laying the foundations for his subsequent success in life. Soon after embarking in business on his own account Mr. Stoner turned his attention to the manu-

facture of cement posts, and in recent years has made such improvements in the admixture of sand, gravel and cement that the products of his plant are well known throughout the middle west, the Stoner cement posts finding a ready market in Indiana, Illinois, Canada and other places of importance. He is the first person who ever made the cement telegraph or telephone poles of Portland cement. In the manufacture and sale of posts Mr. Stoner has acquired a competence, and in addition to owning a handsome residence in Albany has other property of value.

In Jay county, Indiana, September 13, 1877, Mr. Stoner married Ida Rees, who was born in Ohio, but was brought up and educated in Jay county. Five children have been born of their marriage, namely: Ethel, Glen, Pearl, Lora and Robert. In politics Mr. Stoner is independent, working for the best men and measures regardless of party prejudices. Socially he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

COLUMBUS L. FRIDDLE. Conspicuous among the many energetic, progressive and practical farmers of Delaware township is Columbus L. Friddle, who is successfully engaged in his independent vocation on one of the most pleasant and desirable homesteads in this part of the state. He is an excellent representative of the native born citizens of this place, his birth having occurred August 30, 1859, on the farm which his father, John W. Friddle, cleared from its original wildness. His grandfather, Moses Friddle, was born in South Carolina, being the descendant of a family that emigrated from Germany to the United States in early colonial times. He lived in Charleston, South Carolina, many years, but in, or about, 1836, accompanied by his family, he journeyed to Greene county, Ohio, crossing the intervening country with ox teams and carrying with him all of his worldly possessions.

John W. Friddle was born in 1823 in South Carolina, where he lived until fourteen years of age. Going then with his parents to Ohio, he remained in Greene county until 1846, when, following the trail of the pioneer, he came to Indiana, locating in Delaware township. Taking up land that was in its primitive condition, he labored unceasingly and ere many years had elapsed had a good farm, much of which was under cultivation and producing good crops each year. Thus successfully employed in tilling the soil he spent the remainder of his long life, dying in February, 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He married Mrs. Mary J. (Campbell) Boots, a widow, who by her first husband had three children, namely: Daniel D. Boots, Adam Boots and Anna Boots. Of Mr. Friddle's union with Mrs. Boots four sons and two daughters were born, namely: James C., Levi M., Elizabeth C., George B., Columbus L. and Mary E., but she died when





Family Group of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Booher.

to agricultural pursuits, he found pleasure as well as profit in the occupation, and when ready to establish himself as a householder he took possession of his present property, which is finely located, and has since continued the improvements previously started. By persistent energy, well-directed toil and exceptional business ability on his part he has as good and productive a farm as can be found in this vicinity, consisting of grain, grass, pasture and woodland, and in addition to this has two large oil producing wells, which add greatly to the value of the estate.

On February 11, 1888, Mr. Friddle married, in Delaware township, Mary M. Cartright, who was born in this township November 8, 1863, a daughter of Henry Cartright. Mr. Cartright, one of the substantial farmers of this neighborhood, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, and there lived until twenty-eight years old, when he emigrated to America, locating first in Ohio, from there coming to Indiana. He married Barbara Fulhart, a daughter of John and Mary (Fulhart) Fulhart, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Mrs. Mary M. Friddle, wife of the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Oma J. Saunders, of Delaware township; and Sarah A., who married Levi H. Hollaway, and died, leaving one son, Everett Hollaway. Mr. and Mrs. Friddle are the parents of three children, namely: John C., in the senior class of the Albany High school; Herschel B., in the Albany High school, a member of the freshman class; and Clarence G., in the sixth year of the school. Politically Mr. Friddle is a sound Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of Heart and Hand Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F., of Albany; of Fair View Encampment, No. 92, of Albany; and both he and his wife belong to Rebecca Lodge, No. 433, of Albany. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Friddle are faithful members of the Christian church, and in their daily walks of life exemplify its teachings. Mr. and Mrs. Friddle have one of the old parchment deeds which was executed by President Martin Van Buren and dated August 1, 1837. This is the twelfth deed of the kind found in the county.

**LEVI BOOHER.** Numbered among the enterprising farmers of Delaware county who have met with success in their chosen occupation and are now enjoying a comfortable competency, acquired chiefly by their own exertions, is Levi Booher, living near Albany. A son of the late Daniel Booher, he was born July 4, 1850, in Randolph county, Indiana. His paternal grandfather, John Booher, was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestors, but after his marriage moved to Darke county, Ohio, where he and his wife spent their remaining years.

Born and educated on a farm in Darke county, Ohio, Daniel Booher grew to manhood beneath the parental roof-tree. Although poor in pocket when he started in life on his own account, he was blessed with strong hands, a willing heart, indomitable courage, and a never failing energy that enabled him to cope successfully with all difficulties that arose. Deciding to try life in a newer country, he walked from Darke county, Ohio, to Ran-

dolph county, Indiana, and locating in what is now Farmland, took up land from the government. Laboring with characteristic industry, he improved a good homestead, on which he resided until his death. He married, first, Susanna Booher, who died on the home farm in Farmland at the early age of thirty-three years, leaving five children, namely: Catherine, John Wesley, Josiah, Levi and George R. He married for his second wife Mary Shank, by whom he had three children: Manuel, Elizabeth H. and Henry. He was a man of fine character and a member of the German Baptist church. He attained the venerable age of eighty-six years, and during his long life was honored and respected as an honest man, a good citizen, and a kind neighbor and friend.

Brought up on a farm, Levi Booher developed an aptitude for agricultural pursuits, and at the age of nineteen years began the battle of life for himself as a tiller of the soil, an occupation in which he has since been most prosperously employed.

At the age of twenty-two years, September 26, 1872, Mr. Booher married Amelia G. Campbell, who was born in Randolph county, June 29, 1852, a daughter of Samuel Campbell and a granddaughter of James Campbell, a pioneer settler of this place, and the original owner of the homestead now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Booher. Samuel Campbell was born in Ohio, and there married Paulina Gibson. They subsequently came to Delaware township as pioneers, and here spent the remainder of his long life, dying when eighty-one years old. She is living, at the age of eighty-six years. They reared six children, namely: Eliza, William D., Amelia G., now Mrs. Booher, Amanda, Elizabeth and Thomas H. The two latter died, both leaving families. Mr. Booher has one hundred and five acres of rich and arable land in his estate, and is carrying on general farming with undisputed success. He has made substantial improvements on the place, having erected new buildings of modern construction, his barns and out-buildings being commodious and convenient, and his farm well supplied with the requisite appliances for carrying on agricultural operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Booher are the parents of seven children, namely: Myrtle Iola, Forest Violet, Samuel C., Thomas E., Ivy Dell, Naomi V. and Warren Waldo. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Booher are earnest and valued members of the Christian church in Delaware. Their daughter Naomi, who was an invalid for many years, was cured by faith and prayer, her recovery becoming completed on January 18, 1906.

ISAAC MANN. Noteworthy among the active, enterprising and progressive men who did so much towards the development and advancement of the various interests of Albany was the late Isaac Mann, who was practically a lifelong resident of this part of Delaware county, coming here with his parents when a child of two years. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, near Leesburg, June 12, 1834, a son of Warner Mann and a grandson of Joseph Mann.

Joseph Mann was born in Delaware, and there married Elizabeth Blades. He subsequently migrated to Ohio, locating in Highland county, from there coming to Niles township, Indiana, where both he and his wife spent the closing days of their lives. He was a man of strong character, honest and upright in his principles, and an excellent representative of the honored Quaker family from which he was descended.

A native of Delaware, Warner Mann was taken to Ohio by his parents when a small boy, and there grew to man's estate. A man of much push and energy, he saw unlimited possibilities in the uncultivated lands of Indiana, and in 1836 came to Niles township, bringing with him his family and all of his worldly goods. He subsequently took up land in Delaware township, and within the limits of Albany cleared and improved a large tract of land, rendering his homestead one of the best in point of improvements and equipments of any in the locality. He married, in Highland county, Ohio, Nancy, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Pavy, and they became the parents of the following named children: Elizabeth, deceased; Mary, deceased; Mrs. Rhoda Wright, of Delaware township; Joseph, who settled in California; Isaac, the subject of this biographical sketch; Martin, of Dunkirk; and Thomas, who died at the age of three years. Warner Mann died in manhood's prime, being but forty-four years of age, but his wife, who survived him, attained the ripe old age of four score and four years. Politically he was a stanch Abolitionist, and with his keen knowledge of public affairs foresaw the Civil war. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

But two years of age when he was brought to Niles township, Isaac Mann attended the pioneer schools of his day, and in the log cabin erected by his father spent his early years. Subsequently assisting his father in the improvement of the homestead in Albany, he became skilled in the various branches pertaining to agriculture, and selected farming as his life occupation. Energetic and capable, he made a success in his chosen career, his farm being well managed and improved, while his farm buildings were models of convenience and comfort. Politically Mr. Mann has been prominently identified with the Republican party since casting his first presidential vote, in 1856, for John C. Fremont, and has served his fellow-townsmen in many offices of trust and responsibility, performing the duties devolving upon him with ability and fidelity.

Mr. Mann married, in 1859, Mary L. Krohn, who was born in Albany, a daughter of William F. Krohn. Mr. Krohn was born in Germany, but when a boy came to the United States, locating first in Ohio. He there married Maria Pendray, after which he migrated to Delaware county, becoming an early householder of Albany, where he spent the remainder of his years. Of the children born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mann, seven

volume; Gustave E., deceased; and Thomas P., of Muncie. Mr. Mann has been an Odd Fellow for thirty-three years, belonging to Heart and Hand Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Mann is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**WILLIAM JOHN BURDEN.** Noted as a native born citizen of Delaware township, and as one of the most able and prosperous agriculturists of this part of the county, William John Burden is eminently worthy of representation in a work of this kind. He holds high rank among the intelligent and able farmers of his neighborhood, and is everywhere respected as a substantial man of business, honor and worth. A son of the late Nehemiah Burden, he was born on the homestead where he now resides, March 10, 1851. He is the descendant of an old family of prominence in New Jersey, and is the grandson of William Burden, formerly an influential citizen of Ohio.

A native of Ohio, Nehemiah Burden grew to manhood on a farm, and finding the life congenial to his tastes, adopted the occupation of his ancestors. Coming when a young man to Delaware county in pursuit of a favorable location in which to locate permanently, he took up eighty acres of government land, selecting what he deemed the most desirable tract in the vicinity of Albany. Clearing an opening he built the typical log house of the pioneer, and for many years afterwards was one of the foremost in advancing the settlement of his adopted town. Deer, wild turkeys and other game was plentiful at that time, frequently visiting the clearing. Meeting with good results in his agricultural labors, he subsequently bought other land from time to time, becoming owner before his death, which occurred December 14, 1892, at the age of eighty years, of a farm containing nine hundred acres of land. He married Margaret Campbell, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of James Campbell, a pioneer settler of Delaware township. She died at the age of fifty-three years, leaving seven children, namely: Christiana, Elizabeth, Augustine, William John, Catherine, Julia and Mary J.

Having completed his early education in the district schools, William John Burden, choosing farming for his occupation, made a practical study, under the instructions of his father, of the various branches of that industry, becoming proficient in the science and art of agriculture. Succeeding to the ownership of the homestead, he has made improvements of a marked character, his dwelling house, barns and outbuildings being substantial, well built structures, admirably adapted for the purposes for which they are used. He is busily and successfully engaged in general farming, and has his farm, which is a model in its appointments, well stocked with a good grade of cattle, horses and hogs. Mr. Burden married, October 12, 1872, Orilla M. Wasson, who was born in Blountsville, Indiana, a daughter of Theophilus and Sarah Wasson, early settlers of Henry county. Mr. and Mrs. Burden have one child living, namely: Catherine, wife of Charles May, who lives on the home farm. Their other child, Roby, died when but two

years old. Mr. and Mrs. May have three children, namely: Anna, Alma and Leffler. Politically, Mr. Burden uniformly supports the principles of the Democratic party at the polls, and religiously both he and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church.

**GEORGE R. STRONG.** Among the native born citizens of Delaware township who have spent their lives within its precincts, and have in every possible way aided its growth and development, stands George R. Strong, whose birth occurred on the homestead where he now resides October 30, 1854. He is a son of the late Alfred B. Strong and a grandson of Reuben Strong, an early pioneer of this place, and the original owner of the homestead property.

Born in Pennsylvania, Reuben Strong moved to Ohio in early manhood, and there married Barbara Boots. Subsequently coming with his family to Delaware township, he took up land from the government on sections 2 and 12, and in course of time, by dint of hard and persistent labor, he had title to a good farm of three hundred acres. The small log cabin, which was his first dwelling place, was replaced by a substantial frame house, in which he and his worthy wife spent their remaining days in comfort and peace.

A native of Ohio, Alfred B. Strong was born, in 1816, in Greene county, where he was bred and educated. In 1832 he came with his parents to Delaware county, and assisted in the pioneer work of clearing a farm from the primeval woods. Industry, economy and integrity were the first and last lessons of his early days in this locality, and were his guiding principles through life. He was the third child in a family of seven children, and succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, on which he was prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1895, at the venerable age of seventy-nine years. Generous and liberal, he was always an encourager and supporter of everything calculated to advance the welfare of his community, intellectually, socially or morally, and was an active and valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he served as clerk and class leader for many years. He was a liberal supporter of the church, and gave to the society the ground on which the church edifice was erected, and also gave the ground for the cemetery, to the addition of which George R. Strong, the subject of this sketch, has promised to give additional lots. Under the management of the officers of the Strong Cemetery Association, consisting of Harry Waller, president; Elmer Ferguson, secretary, and R. A. Maxwell, treasurer, the cemetery is admirably kept, resembling in its appearance a beautiful park.

Alfred B. Strong married Mary Shearon, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, the birthplace of her father, George Shearon, who was also an early settler of this part of Delaware county. She died in January, 1872, at the comparatively early age of forty-three years. Six children blessed their union, namely: Reuben, deceased; Nancy, deceased; John, deceased;

George R., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; James A., of Redkey, Jay county; and Mrs. Laura Smith, of Arkansas.

Brought up and educated on the home farm, which adjoins the city of Albany, George R. Strong spent the days of his childhood and youth in very much the same manner as most farmers' boys, attending the district schools and helping in the harvest fields. He obtained a practical knowledge of the science and art of agriculture, and, as he reached maturer years, decided on farming as his life occupation. Becoming owner of the ancestral homestead and also of a magnificent stock farm, he has since been extensively engaged and profitably employed in general farming and stock raising. He makes a specialty of keeping poultry, his Barred Plymouth Rocks being among the best grade of chickens to be found in the county. His large farm is under excellent cultivation, and with its substantial set of buildings and their tasteful surroundings, invariably attracts the attention of the passer-by, and indicates to what good purpose Mr. Strong has employed his time and means.

On August 7, 1895, Mr. Strong married Amelda Mann, who before her marriage was a successful and popular school teacher of this locality. Her parents, Isaac and Louisa (Krohn) Mann, were early and honored settlers of Albany. To Mr. and Mrs. Strong three children have been born, namely: James Walter, Thomas Lloyd and Alfred Robert, but the last named died at the age of fourteen months. Politically Mr. Strong is a steadfast adherent of the Republican party, and religiously both he and his wife are conscientious members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Albany, Indiana. Mr. Strong has three of the parchment deeds executed under the hand and seal of Presidents Andrew Jackson and Van Buren, one dating August 5, 1834, and another February 10, 1835, and the Van Buren deed was executed September 20, 1839. This makes eleven deeds of the kind found in the county.

**JOHN M. MONROE.** Among the substantial business men of Albany no one holds a more assured position than John M. Monroe, a well-known contractor and builder, his specialty in building materials being cement. With this material he takes contracts for building walks, cellars, houses or their foundations, and bridges, in his work meeting with great success. A son of the late John W. Monroe, Sr., he was born, December 31, 1856, in Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, of old Virginia ancestry. His great-grandfather, James M. Monroe, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and this entitles Mr. Monroe and his descendants to become members of the great order in the United States of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. Mr. Monroe is also a lineal descendant of the President Monroe.

John W. Monroe was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, coming from

born, four sons and three daughters, all of whom received good common school advantages.

After completing his early education, John M. Monroe, then a youth of seventeen years, began learning the trade of a plasterer and stone mason, which he subsequently followed for many years. Since coming to Albany, in 1893, Mr. Monroe has worked almost entirely in cement, filling large and valuable contracts, among others being the putting in of six hundred and forty feet of cement at the Enlow Springs bridge, and one hundred and seventy-six yards at the strawboard plant, both expensive pieces of work. The twenty-seven years of experience that he has had in his line of business has rendered him proficient, and he is kept busy all of the time, his honesty, trustworthiness and the durability of his work being fully appreciated throughout this part of the state.

Mr. Monroe was married first when but twenty-one years of age, in Shelby county, Ohio, to Tryphena Spencer. She died in early womanhood, leaving three sons, namely: Harley R., a druggist in Valparaiso, and Forest and Fred, who are associated in business with their father. Mr. Monroe married, second, October 21, 1891, at Bluffton, Ohio, Mary E. Murray, a native of that place. In the course of his active career Mr. Monroe has accumulated considerable property, and aside from the pleasant home that he owns and occupies in Albany, has acquired title to many valuable house lots in that vicinity. As a neighbor, friend and citizen he is held in high respect. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Albany, to which his three sons also belong, and he is likewise a member of the Encampment and has served as a delegate to the Grand Lodge. Mrs. Monroe is a faithful and valued member of the Presbyterian church, toward the support of which Mr. Monroe is a generous contributor.

ALEXANDER H. ANDERSON. Among the sturdy, energetic and able men who assisted in developing and advancing the industrial and agricultural interests of Delaware county was Alexander H. Anderson, late of Delaware township, who was well known throughout this locality as a man of sterling worth and integrity, an enterprising and skillful farmer, a patriotic citizen, a kind neighbor, a loving husband and father, and his death, which occurred January 10, 1907, at the homestead where he had so long resided, was a cause of general regret. A native of old Virginia, he was born March 14, 1842, near Staunton, a son of William Anderson, of thrifty Scotch ancestry.

William Anderson was born and spent the earlier part of his life in Virginia. In 1848 he migrated with his family to Indiana, locating in Delaware township. He subsequently moved to Edgar county, Illinois, where, a few months later, his death occurred. His widow, whose maiden name was Jeannette Murray, returned with her family to this township,

which she made her permanent home while living. She had four children, namely: Alexander H., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Calvin Wachtell, of Muncie; Mrs. Nathan Spence; and Mrs. Dorcas Crowley, of Vincennes.

But a child when he came with his parents to Indiana, Alexander H. Anderson was practically a lifelong resident of Delaware township. In the small log school house of his day, with its slab seats and puncheon floor, he acquired his first knowledge of books, and on the old home farm he became thoroughly initiated into the mysteries of farming. During the Civil war he enlisted, in September, 1864, in Company G, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was sent with his regiment to join Sherman's troops in Atlanta, and there met in battle the Confederate soldiers who were under the command of General Joseph Johnston. At the end of a year's service he was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, and returned home to more peaceful pursuits. Resuming the carpenter's trade, which he had previously learned, Mr. Anderson followed it for a number of seasons, as a builder doing much of the carpenter work in this locality. Wise in his savings and prudent in his expenditures, he accumulated money, which he invested judiciously. Buying land from time to time, he became owner in the course of a few years of a large and finely improved homestead, on which he had a substantial set of farm buildings, and all of the machinery and appliances for carrying on his chosen occupation. His home farm contained one hundred and ninety-six acres of choice land, well adapted to the raising of the cereals common to this section of the country, and in its management he met with most gratifying results. He had likewise other real estate of value, being the owner of a fine and productive farm in Monroe and Perry townships, that farm containing one hundred and twenty acres. Mr. Anderson was a man of exceptionally good business ability, and possessed in a high degree those sterling traits of character that won for him the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he served as a trustee, and belonged to Ira J. Chase Post, G. A. R., of De Soto, Indiana.

In Delaware township, March 10, 1866, Mr. Anderson married Rhoda C. Hatfield, who was born December 31, 1847, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Thompson) Hatfield. He died in early manhood, leaving his widow with four young children, namely: John, who served during the Civil war as a member of the Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Kenesaw mountain; Mrs. Mary Pittenger, of Delaware township; Mrs. Malissa Myers, of this township; and Mrs.

During their years of happy married life Mrs. Anderson well assisted her good husband in all the cares and burdens of life, encouraging and counseling him in times of trouble, at all times proving herself a true helpmate and a loving companion. She is a woman of high principles, and a conscientious member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which she united when but thirteen years old.

**WILLIAM W. GREEN.** For upwards of half a century a resident of Delaware township, William W. Green has been actively identified with the advancement of its growth and prosperity, as a carpenter erecting some of its most substantial buildings and as an agriculturist aiding the improvement of some of its choicest lands. He owns and occupies a valuable farm, which is well equipped with modern machinery and furnished with all of those conveniences that make rural life so desirable, including among other things excellent telephone service and rural free mail delivery. A son of the late James W. Green, he was born March 10, 1840, in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, the descendant of a well-known and highly respected family.

A native of Virginia, James W. Green removed with his parents to Greene county, Ohio, when young. He came of patriotic stock, and one of his brothers was a soldier in the Mexican war, serving under General Winfield Scott and General Zachary Taylor. While living in Greene county, he married Rebecca Cahill, who was born in Ireland, of Protestant Irish parents, with whom she emigrated to the United States, locating in Ohio. In 1851 he came with his family to Indiana, settling first in Delaware township, but afterwards locating in Nile township, where he died at the age of sixty-three years. His first wife, Mrs. Rebecca Green, died when but twenty-six years old, leaving five children, of whom but two survive, namely: James P., of Dunkirk, Indiana, and W. W., the special subject of this brief biography. The father subsequently married a second wife, Mrs. Martha (Smith) Whicker, and by her he had three children, two of whom are living: Jesse and Newton J., both of Jay county, Indiana. He was a Democrat in politics, and his first wife was a member of the Christian church.

A boy of eleven years when he came with his parents to this county, W. W. Green completed his early education in the district schools, after which he learned the carpenter's trade. Following his chosen occupation for a number of years, he built many houses, both for business and residential purposes, his services being in demand throughout this part of the county. Since 1902 Mr. Green has devoted his entire time and attention to the management of his finely improved and well-kept farm, exercising wise judgment in its care. He has a substantial set of farm buildings, which are models of comfort and convenience, and which with their neat and attractive surroundings evince the thrift and prosperity of the owner.

May 22, 1862, Mr. Green married Rebecca Hitchens, a daughter of William and Margaret (Albin) Hitchens, who came to Delaware township

from the state of Delaware. Mr. Hitchens was born in Delaware, removed to Clark county, Ohio, where Mrs. Hitchens was born, and afterwards settled in Delaware county, Indiana, where he resided until his death, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife survived him, dying at the advanced age of four score years. Mr. and Mrs. Green have four children living, namely: Alice, wife of E. E. Marks, of this township; Elmer, likewise of Delaware township; Ida, wife of Walter Miller, of Liberty township; and William, of this township. Four of their children have passed on to the higher life, two having died in infancy, Emma at the age of seven years and Mrs. Minnie Bartlett, at the age of twenty-six years. In his political affiliations Mr. Green is a Democrat, and socially he is a member of Anthony Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., of Albany. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has served as steward and trustee. Mr. and Mrs. Green have one of the old parchment deeds, which was executed by President Martin Van Buren and is dated August 1, 1837. This is the eighth deed of the kind found in the county, so far, a valuable relic in Mr. Green's home.

**WILLIAM W. GOONTZ.** Prominent among the sturdy and enterprising men who have been instrumental in developing and advancing the rich agricultural resources of Delaware county is William W. Goontz, a well-to-do farmer residing on section 29, Delaware township. He is a man of influence and prominence, and is now serving as a member of the advisory board. A son of Lewis Goontz, he was born in Liberty township, near Selma, May 7, 1861. He comes of thrifty German ancestry, his paternal grandfather, John Goontz, having emigrated from Germany to this country when young. He settled in Pennsylvania, and there married. Settling upon a farm, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, while yet in the prime of life, having been accidentally killed in 1848. He left a widow and four children.

A native of Pennsylvania, Lewis Goontz was born in 1839, on the homestead which his father cleared from the wilderness, and was there brought up and educated. Coming to Delaware county in 1845, he assisted in the pioneer labors of that early day, and in course of time became owner of a tract of land near Selma, and was there successfully employed as a general farmer the greater part of his active life, although he spent the last three years in Muncie, where his death occurred when sixty-eight years old. He married Nancy A. Hedrick, who was born in Delaware township, a daughter of Cyrus Hedrick, one of the very early settlers of this part of the county. Mr. Hedrick, a man of much enterprise and force of character, was recognized as an important factor in the development of town and county, and during his long and useful life of eighty-eight years exerted a beneficial influence in the community in which he lived. Mrs. Nancy Goontz survives her husband, and is now living in Muncie. She has the following children, namely: William W., the special subject of this brief sketch; Mrs.

Molly N. Cowley; Harrison; Charles L., of Delaware township; and Edna M. Clark. During the Civil war Lewis Goontz served as a soldier in the One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was for many years a member of De Soto Post, G. A. R. Both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Brought up on the parental homestead near Selma, William W. Goontz acquired his first knowledge of books in the common schools. On the home farm he had a practical drilling in the various branches of agriculture, and naturally adopted farming as his life occupation. When ready to establish a home of his own Mr. Goontz bought his present farm, advantageously located in Delaware county, about eight miles from Muncie. A man of push and energy, diligent in his labors, and wise in his management, he has been uniformly successful in his undertakings, and is now the proprietor of a valuable farm, which in regard to its appointment and equipments compares favorably with any in the neighborhood.

On January 28, 1885, Mr. Goontz married Caroline Kelley, who was born in Randolph county, a daughter of Leander and Frances (Blakeley) Kelley. Mr. Kelley was born in Fairview, Randolph county, Indiana, and there grew to man's estate. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war, in August, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Kearney and Colonel William Gross. He went with his comrades first to Richmond, this state, then to Indianapolis and to Jefferson, from the latter place being ordered to Kentucky. He was first under fire at the battle of Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing, as it is called, afterwards taking part in the engagement at Perryville, Kentucky, and serving under General Rosecrans at the battle of Stone river. He subsequently participated in several minor engagements, serving in the army until August, 1864, when he was honorably discharged and returned home. Mr. Kelley was born in Miami county, Ohio, a son of William and Sarah (Edwards) Kelley, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born and reared in Georgia. Mr. Kelley, now a resident of De Soto, Delaware county, has been twice married. He married first, at Fairview, Frances Blakeley, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, October 4, 1840, and died May 10, 1867. He married second, in January, 1870, Margaret M. Skillman, of New York. By his first marriage Mr. Kelley had four children, of whom but one is now living, namely: Mrs. Emma E. Bell, of Indianapolis. Politically Mr. Kelley is a sound Republican, and socially he is a member of the Ira J. Chase Post, G. A. R., of De Soto.

The life of Mr. Goontz and his family has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Goontz, who passed to the life beyond December 2, 1902, at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven years. She was a sweet dispositioned woman, amiable and kind, a home maker and keeper in every sense implied by the term, and her loss is deeply mourned. She left four children, namely: Nellie M., Fanny Hazel and Lewis Haskell, twins, and Helen Elizabeth. She was a true Christian and a valued member of the Methodist

church. Politically Mr. Goontz is a stanch Republican and a zealous worker in the party ranks. In 1906 he was elected a member of the township advisory board, and in this capacity has served ably and faithfully. Fraternally he belongs to Welcome Lodge, No. 37, K. P., of Muncie.

**WILLIAM GARLAND.** Inheriting in a marked degree the brave and patriotic spirit which characterized his ancestors, William Garland, of Delaware township, won honor and distinction as a soldier in the late Civil war, and for his services therein has the gratitude of his countrymen. As a man and a citizen he is held in high repute, having by his excellent character fully established himself in the esteem and confidence of his associates and neighbors. Since coming to Delaware county he has been employed as engineer at the Albany Paper Mills, filling the responsible position most satisfactorily to all concerned. A son of John Garland, he was born March 15, 1841, in Darke county, Ohio, and was there reared and educated.

John Garland was a son of Joseph Garland, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812, being under command of General Jackson, and as a reward for his services was given a tract of land in Tennessee by the government. John Garland spent the larger part of his life of seventy-eight years in Ohio. He married Ellen Albright, whose father, Adam Albright, was also a soldier in the War of 1812, and into their happy household fourteen children, eight sons and six daughters, were born, namely: Elizabeth, who married W. E. Murray, of Indiana; William, the subject of this sketch; Sarah J. Clapp, of Randolph county; Jesse G., deceased; Nancy F.; Mary; Allen; Adam; Isaac; Harvey P.; Philip; Susan M.; Stephen D.; and Katie Clapp, of Whiteley county. The mother lived to the good old age of eighty-one years. The father, who died at the age of seventy-eight years, came from a family noted for its longevity, his father having died at the age of four score and four years, and his grandfather at the age of one hundred and four years. Both parents were consistent Christians and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Reared on the home farm in Ohio, William Garland as a boy became familiar with the many branches of agriculture. On the breaking out of the Civil war he offered his services to his country, enlisting, in May, 1861, at Shelbyville, Indiana, in Company C, Seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was stationed at Phillipi, West Virginia, the greater part of the time. At the end of his three months' term of enlistment he was honorably discharged, and returned home. Subsequently responding to Lincoln's call for more troops, Mr. Garland enlisted on August 26, 1861, for a term of three years, in Company F, Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain J. E. McGuire, Lieutenant Colonel J. N. Flynn, and Colonel A. D. Straight. Joining the forces of General Buell, he took an active part in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, and was at Chickamauga with General Rosecrans. He was subsequently captured and confined first at Belle Isle, and afterwards at Libby prison, remaining in the

latter place a week before he was paroled. In Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Garland joined his company and took part in engagements at that place, in Huntsville, Alabama, and at Greenville, after which he went by boat to New Orleans, then across the gulf to Indianola, Texas, thence marched with his comrades to Green Lake, Texas, a hard trip, and one in which many men perished for want of water. Being taken seriously ill, Mr. Garland was in the field hospital for a while, but when opportunity occurred was taken to a hospital in San Antonio, Texas. After a service of four years and eight months he was honorably discharged January 12, 1866. Some of his comrades who shared with him the hardships and privations of army life are still living, namely: George Stafford, Joseph D. Smith and W. E. Stafford. Returning to Indiana, Mr. Garland was for several years engaged in farming at Shelby. Since locating in Delaware township he has served as engineer at the Albany Paper Mill, a position that he is most ably filling.

In Deerfield, Indiana, September 6, 1868, Mr. Garland married Abigail Suter, a daughter of Washington and Susan (Ayers) Suter. Seven children were born of their union, two of whom have passed to the higher life, namely: Frank, who died at the age of five years, and Maud, at the age of eighteen months. Those now living are as follows: Fannie, a clerk; Harry, of Albany; Addie, of Winchester; Frederick N., of Newcastle; and Ray, a clerk. Mr. Garland was for four years a resident of Dunkirk, Jay county, and while there served for four years as marshal. Fraternally he is a member of Dunkirk Lodge, No. 275, A. F. & A. M.; of Dunkirk Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M.; of Dunkirk Council, No. 41, R. & S. M.; and belongs to Williams Post, Grand Army of the Republic. For more than thirty-eight years Mr. Garland has belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and has done all that he could to promote the good of the order. He has served in official capacities, for two years being master of the Blue Lodge in Dunkirk.

CHARLES R. AUSTIN. Standing high among the representative business men of Albany is Charles R. Austin, superintendent of the Albany Paper Mills. He is a man of ability, possessing in an eminent degree the discretion, trustworthiness and force of character necessary for the responsible position which he has so well filled during the past fourteen years. A son of R. A. Austin, he was born January 28, 1868, near Mt. Solon, in old Virginia, being descended from an old and honored family.

R. A. Austin was born in New York city, and was there brought up and educated. During the Civil war he served as a gallant soldier in the Union army, taking part in many engagements. At the close of the war he located at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where he resided several years. He is now a resident of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and was officially connected with the Albany Paper Mills. He married, in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Emma Cunningham Light, who was born in that state, and there spent the larger part of her life. She died in Albany, Indiana, at the age of fifty-

seven years, leaving three sons and two daughters, namely: W. Hamilton, Charles R., Frank, Emma Manor and Lillie Howell. Mr. R. A. Austin is identified with the Republican party, and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religion he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was also a member.

Brought up mostly in Virginia and Pennsylvania, Charles R. Austin acquired his education in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-one years began life on his own account. Going to Australia, he spent three years at a paper mill in Melbourne, there becoming familiar with the details of paper-making. Returning then to the United States, Mr. Austin came to Albany in 1893, and at once accepted a responsible position with the Albany Paper Mill, which he has since filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the company by which he is employed. The plant of which he has charge is the leading manufacturing plant of this part of Delaware county. The large two-story building is finely equipped with the most modern machinery, including two Corliss engines, one of two hundred and fifty horsepower and the other of one hundred and fifty horsepower. Employment is here given to fifty men, who turn out sixteen tons of paper daily, the material used in its manufacture being straw, which is bought in the neighborhood or shipped in by the railroad companies. The Albany Paper Company, which owns the paper mill and the strawboard factory, is composed of well-known business men, with William Schaetle as president, Phillip Haucke as vice president, Henry Schmidt as secretary and treasurer and Mr. Austin as superintendent.

While a resident of Australia Mr. Austin married Miss Florence Ryan, who came with him to Indiana and died in Albany, leaving one son, Murray Austin. Mr. Austin married for his second wife Mrs. Imo Steed, who was born in Red Key, Indiana, a woman of education and refinement. Politically Mr. Austin supports the principles of the Republican party by voice and vote. Socially he is a member of Anthony Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., of Albany, and of the Knights of the Maccabees. Religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man of unquestioned integrity, and during his residence here has won the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen in a marked degree, being in every way worthy of the high regard in which he is held.

**SAMUEL G. SELVY.** Prominent among the early and honored pioneers of Delaware township was the late Samuel G. Selvy, whose death, which occurred on the family homestead January 4, 1903, was a great loss to the

pioneer courage and ambition he bravely dared all the privations and hardships incidental to life in an undeveloped country in order to pave the way for those who followed and to establish a home where his children and their descendants might enjoy the comforts and even the luxuries of this world without the labor and toil in which his early years were spent. His untiring efforts were crowned with success, his land becoming transformed into a large and highly improved agricultural estate, while he himself became one of the leading farmers of this locality and a citizen of influence.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Selvy was born in 1826, coming from substantial colonial stock. With his parents he migrated when a boy to Ohio, where he grew to manhood, living on a farm in Clinton county, not far from Xenia. Working with his father, he received an excellent training in matters pertaining to the cultivation of the soil, and naturally decided to take up farming as his life occupation. In 1854, following the march of civilization westward, he came with his family to this county in the early days of its settlement, and having erected a small cabin of logs in the space which he cleared on his land, at once began the improvement of a homestead. As previously stated, he was well rewarded for all of his pioneer labors, his persevering energy, wise management and good judgment enabling him to make his farm one of the best in regard to its appointments and improvements of any in the vicinity. He added by purchase to the original property, at the time of his death having a clear title to two hundred and sixty-five acres of choice land. The log house had been replaced by a comfortable and conveniently arranged residence, and his outbuildings were of modern construction, well adapted for farm purposes. While living here, Mr. Selvy witnessed wondrous changes throughout this section of the state, and in the grand transformation took an active part, contributing his full share as a good citizen towards the development and growth of his adopted town and county.

In Clinton county, Ohio, October 10, 1852, Mr. Selvy married Clarrenda McIntyre, who was born in that county, a daughter of John and Polly (Howland) McIntyre, both natives of New York state, their places of birth having been at the foot of the Catskill mountains. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre were pioneer settlers of Clinton county, Ohio, and there spent the larger part of their lives. Both, however, died in Indiana, spending their last days with their daughter, Mrs. Selvy, the mother dying at the age of seventy years, and the father attaining the age of four score years. Of the five children born to them two grew to years of maturity, namely: John E. G. McIntyre, who died in Ohio, and Clarrenda, wife of Mr. Selvy. Mrs. Selvy still lives on the homestead in which she and her husband passed so many years of happy married life, a woman of intelligence and refinement, who is respected and esteemed by old and young for her many excellent qualities of heart and mind. She was a loving wife and true helpmate to her husband, and one to whom he ever turned for counsel and encouragement.

Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Selvy, namely: James G., of Delaware township; William H., a prosperous farmer, living three-fourths of a mile south from his mother's home; Samuel S., having charge of the homestead; Mary A., wife of Manuel Johnson, of Grant county; and Ella, wife of Azure E. Holloway, of this township.

CHARLES ASBURY EVANS. Actively and prominently identified with the agricultural and business prosperity of Delaware township is Charles Asbury Evans, a well-known farmer and stock-raiser. He is a man of enterprise, ability and sound judgment, and one whose general worth strongly impresses all with whom he comes in contact. He and his family reside on section 26, and their farm home, a model of comfort and good taste, is an attractive place for the large circle of friends whose esteem and respect they have won. A son of Evan Evans, he was born June 16, 1850, at Redkey, Jay county, Indiana. He comes of Welsh ancestry, the founder of the branch of the family from which he is descended having emigrated to this country from Wales in early Colonial times. His grandfather, John M. Evans, a native of Virginia, born about 1789, served as a soldier in the war of 1812, after which he located as a farmer in Ohio. His father, Evan Evans, was born in New Jersey about 1752, and died in Highland county, Ohio, at the age of ninety-five years. He had one sister that lived to be ninety-eight and another to the age of ninety-nine.

In Highland county, Ohio, near Hillsboro, was born Evan Evans, on November 19, 1815, being the second child and eldest son of his father's family. The hardships of pioneer life did not altogether prevent him from getting a common school education. April 13, 1836, he was united in marriage with Rhoda Allegre, who represented an old family of Ohio and this county. Her father was James Allegre, a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, who was born September 9, 1782, and died at Albany, August 6, 1852. His wife was Rhoda Phelps, born January 1, 1787, and died at Albany, November 22, 1871. The Allegres formerly emigrated to Virginia from France during the Huguenot period on account of their religious faith.

For a year after his marriage Evan Evans remained in Ohio, as an employe of Lorenzo Allegre, receiving one hundred dollars for the year's work. In 1837, about four years after the platting of Albany village, he came to this vicinity, and for three years lived on James Allegre's farm. In the almost unbroken wilderness, near where Redkey now stands, he bought a farm of eighty acres. From this place to Albany he blazed a road through the woods, and frequently walked out from Albany to the farm before moving his family to the home he was getting ready for them. On one such occasion he was pursued by a wildcat, and the experience of running for his life through the woods, until he reached the home of George Smith, who lived about a mile northeast of Albany, was one that he never forgot throughout his life. Their first home in Jay county, to which he

moved his family in 1840, was a round log cabin, about fourteen by sixteen feet. A hewed log house was the next family residence, and a number of years later a substantial ten-room frame house was built. Evan Evans was a man of courage, energy and great activity, and met with fair success in farming and the other enterprises of his lifetime of eighty-one years. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church, the latter having been converted at the age of fourteen. They gave three hundred and fifty dollars toward the erection of the first M. E. church in Redkey, in 1871 (his being the largest individual contribution). He was one of the trustees of the church at that time. When the present church, costing ten thousand dollars, was erected in 1894, he contributed altogether seven hundred and fifty dollars, two hundred and fifty dollars being a memorial to his deceased wife, Rhoda Evans, who had died December 9, 1889. Evan Evans passed away November 8, 1898. Financially his career would be called highly successful, since he was the owner of three hundred and seventy-five acres of good Indiana land, and he earned by hard work all the money which he had paid for this estate. In politics he was a Whig, until the formation of the Republican party, when he became one of its most loyal adherents. Of the seven children, four are now living, namely: Wesley, of Redkey, who served during the Civil war in the Thirty-sixth Indiana Infantry, later for twenty-two months with the One Hundred and Thirtieth, making a total of three years and four months, and was severely wounded at the battle of Shiloh; Charles Asbury (see forward); John B., of Redkey, and Mrs. Emma Dunn. Of those deceased, one died in infancy; Calisty, at the age of forty-one, and Mary, at the age of thirty-four.

Very pleasantly located, his home farm being but four miles from Albany, Charles Asbury Evans carries on general farming and stock raising after the most approved modern methods, keeping well abreast of the times by reading and observation, as regards agricultural advancement. His fertile and well improved farm yields excellent crops each year, and in the breeding and raising of stock he is meeting with the success of the leaders among eastern Indiana stock-raisers, having some of the finest cattle, horses and hogs to be found in this locality. His excellent dwelling, ample barns and outbuildings, and plenty of machinery to carry on the work, are improvements that mark the most progressive farms of the state. Mr. Evans has been twice married. He married first, Mary Strong, who was born in Delaware county, the youngest child of John W. and Clarissa Strong and granddaughter of Reuben Strong, one of the original pioneers of this county. Further ancestral history of the Strong family may be found on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of George R. Strong. Mary A. Strong was converted in a most powerful manner while at prayer in her father's orchard, in September, 1871, and lived a most beautiful Christian life. She possessed a faith that gave her indescribable visions of angels and the Heavenly world, and was a kind and devoted wife and a loving and affectionate mother. She died in 1889,

aged thirty-eight years, in the triumphs of the Christian faith. Her last words were: "Jesus has come—Glory, Glory." Her happy spirit then went sweeping through the gates into the city. She left three children, namely: Mrs. Grace Wingate, of Delaware township; Burton L., of Jay county, and Mae. Mr. Evans married second, March 5, 1895, Mary Baughn, who was born in Liberty township, a daughter of John Baughn. The latter, who was a native of North Carolina, moved from there to Fayette county, Ohio, when young, and from there to Liberty township in this county, where he lived to the advanced age of four score and four years. By his first wife John Baughn had three children, and by his second (who was Rebecca Jones, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Jacob Jones, of the same state) were born ten children, of whom six survive, namely: Susan; Mary, now Mrs. Evans; Walter; Nancy; Nora, and Gertrude. Rebecca Jones Baughn was a member of the Methodist church, and had attained the age of seventy-nine years. Mrs. Evans is a woman of most excellent Christian character, a kind and devoted wife and a loving and indulgent mother. One of her marked characteristics is her charity. She is always ready to sacrifice to help the needy and is 'industrious and hard working. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have had one child, Margaret, now deceased. Mr. Evans is a straightforward Republican, and in the Methodist church at Mt. Pleasant is a steward and trustee and one of the earnest workers of the Sunday school.

**WILLIAM FRANK.** Distinguished not only as a prosperous farmer and respected citizen of Niles township but for his gallant services as a soldier in the Civil war, William Frank is especially worthy of representation in this volume. Pleasantly located on section 13, he has a farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he is managing with ability and profit, devoting his time and attention to the raising of small grains, fruit and stock. A son of Stephen Frank, he was born March 6, 1842, in Mercer county, Ohio, near Celina, coming from a German family that settled in Pennsylvania in early times.

A native of New York, Stephen Frank was born and brought up in Chautauqua county, but subsequently settled as a farmer in Ohio. He died while yet in manhood's prime, in Coldwater, Ohio, aged forty-five years. He married Delilah Downing, who was born in Virginia, a daughter of William Downing, a soldier of the war of 1812. She survived him, coming to Indiana and dying at the home of her son William in Niles township at the age of seventy-six years. Of the children born of their union three are living, namely: Dennis C.; William, the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Catherine Shatto. Margaret and Perry died in childhood. Politically Stephen Frank was an earnest supporter of the Whig party and a

Before attaining his majority, on September 20, 1861, William Frank offered his services to his country by enlisting in the Fifth Ohio Battery, Light Artillery, under command of Captain Andrew Hickenlooper. With the battery he went first to St. Louis, Missouri, to the old arsenal, and from there to Jefferson City, Missouri, and in April, 1862, took an active part in the battle of Shiloh, subsequently being present at the siege of Corinth, the engagement at Iuka, at the second battle in Corinth, at the skirmish in Coldwater, Mississippi, and at the siege of Vicksburg, which capitulated in July, 1863. Mr. Frank, with his comrades, was then sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, to assist General N. P. Banks, and from that time until his honorable discharge from the army in October, 1864, he was on duty in camp or field.

Returning home, Mr. Frank remained in Ohio until 1869, when he came to Delaware county to locate. Buying land in Niles township, he turned his attention to its improvement, and has now a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he successfully pursues his pleasant and independent occupation. His farm is on the trolley line, but one and one-half miles from Dunkirk, and is considered one of the most desirable pieces of property in the neighborhood.

Mr. Frank married, June 4, 1866, Catherine Carson, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Mary Carson. She died in 1881, aged forty-three years. Four children were born of their marriage, two of whom have passed to the life beyond, and two are living, namely: Delmar Logan, who has a farm near his father's, and Mrs. Irene Bantz, of Blackford county. Mr. Frank married second, April 9, 1887, Mrs. Leah (Bales) Wingate, widow of the late Philip Wingate and a daughter of James Bales. Philip Wingate was born in this county, a son of James and Belinda (Stewart) Wingate, and died here at the early age of twenty-eight years. He was a man of irreproachable character and a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wingate four are deceased, namely: John H., who died at the age of eighteen months; Cora Melissa, at the age of ten months; Sophia Jane, at the age of twenty-four years; and Mrs. Minnie Myrtle Hultz, at the age of twenty-one years. The two now living are Alfred Ellsworth Wingate, of Blackford county, and Renie Belle, wife of Henry Thomas, of Albany.

James Bales, the father of Mrs. Frank, was a pioneer settler of Niles township, coming here from Greene county, Ohio, in 1853. Taking up land that was still in its virgin wildness, he erected a log cabin in the space which he cleared, and with the counsel and assistance of his young wife set to work in earnest to build up a home. Hospitable and kind almost to a fault, he gave hearty welcome to all that entered his door. He cleared a farm and lived to see the land around him settled up and improved, his death occurring on his homestead in 1892, at the good old age of seventy-four years. On November 10, 1842, Mr. Bales married Malinda Shirk, by whom he had eleven children, four of whom are deceased, while seven are living,

namely: David, who served in the Civil war; Alfred, also a soldier in that war; Henry; James A.; Jacob; John; and Mrs. Leah (Bales) (Wingate) Frank. Politically Mr. Bales was a stanch Democrat, and both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Politically Mr. Frank was a Republican, but is now a strong Prohibitionist. Socially he is a member of Benjamin Shields Post No. 289, G. A. R., of Dunkirk, and religiously both he and his wife belong to the Baptist church, in which they are earnest workers and of which he was a trustee.

JOHN A. CROSS. Widely known throughout Niles township as a man of honor and integrity, and one of its most successful farmers, John A. Cross has won distinction both as a citizen and as a gallant soldier, his services in the Civil war being worthy of record. On August 15, 1862, responding to Lincoln's call for more troops, he enlisted, in Ritchie county, West Virginia, in Company G, Fourteenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Mott Reitz, the officers of the regiment being as follows; Colonel, David D. Johnson; lieutenant colonel, G. W. Taggart; major, S. Moore; adjutant, H. H. Moss; regimental quartermaster, J. E. Hooton; and chaplain, Rev. John L. Irvine. With his regiment he was subsequently in action much of the time, taking part in many engagements of note, including among others those at Massanutton Mountain, Cloyd Mountain, Lexington, Curtis Farm, Winchester, Martinsburg, Lynchburg, Halltown, Berryville, the second battle of Winchester, Foster Hill, and was at Cedar Creek on that memorable day when brave Phil Sheridan, at Winchester, thirteen miles away, heard

"The terrible grumble and rumble and roar,  
Telling the battle was on once more,"

and hurried to the front to save the day. Mr. Cross served until the expiration of his term of enlistment, and was then honorably discharged with a good record for fidelity, being mustered out at Wheeling, West Virginia.

A son of Nimrod Cross, John A. Cross was born in Ritchie county, West Virginia, May 6, 1839, of honored English ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Dickey Cross, was a lifelong resident of Virginia. Nimrod Cross married Eliza Richards, who was born in Virginia, of German ancestry. They had a family of ten children, all of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: George W., of Ritchie county, West Virginia, served during the Civil war in the same regiment as his brother John, and was wounded at the battle of Winchester; Mary; John A., the subject of this sketch; Catherine; Jane; Susan; Martha; Ellen; Victory; and Louise. The father, who was a Republican in politics and a stanch Union man, lived until eighty years old, while the mother died at the age of three score and ten years. Both belonged to the Dunkard church.

Mr. Cross has been twice married. He married first, in Ritchie county, West Virginia, June 7, 1860, Caroline Snodgrass, who was born in Virginia, a daughter of Nathan J. Snodgrass, and there spent her entire life.

She bore her husband ten children, five of whom died in childhood, and five are living, namely: Jack, Creed and Edward, living in Virginia, and Willie and Mrs. Zena Wilson, living in Indiana. On June 15, 1892, Mr. Cross married for his second wife Josephine Moats, who was born in West Virginia, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Swadley) Moats. She is one of a large family of children, namely: Katie; Josephine, now Mrs. Cross; Delia; Etta; Alice; Vallie; Cora; Belle; and Danie G., deceased. In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Cross came to Indiana to make their permanent home. Locating in Niles township, Mr. Cross bought the farm which he now occupies of Mr. William Rutledge, and in its care and management is taking much pleasure. Although comparatively newcomers here, both he and his wife have won the esteem and confidence of their neighbors, and their pleasant home is the center of a generous hospitality that is truly characteristic of the Virginian people.

**THOMPSON M. HUFFMAN.** Prominent among the native-born residents of Niles township is Thompson M. Huffman, who has been an important factor in bringing this particular section of the state to its present fine agricultural condition. He is a man of good business capacity, intelligent and well informed, and is actively associated with the progress and best interests of the people of this community. A son of George Huffman, Jr., he was born on the homestead where he now lives March 22, 1862.

George Huffman, Sr., Mr. Huffman's grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, after which he moved to Ohio, locating first in Greene county, but subsequently settling in Guernsey county, where he spent his last years of earthly life. He married Mary Kimble, of Pennsylvania birth, and they became the parents of eleven children, all of whom lived to be married, the youngest member of the parental family dying first.

A native of Pennsylvania, George Huffman, Jr., was born and brought up on a farm, and after attaining his majority assisted his father, who was a miller as well as a farmer, in the management of the mill for seven years. In 1849 he came to Niles township to locate on the land which had been entered from the government by his father under the law of 1822, at one dollar and a quarter per acre, the deed to this property being signed by Martin Van Buren, president of the United States. Settlers were few and far between in those days, and the nearest market was miles away. He built a log cabin of the true pioneer style, and, having cleared a sufficient space, sowed grain for his first crop. Wild animals of all kinds were numerous and destructive, bears, deer, wolves, foxes and wild hogs frequently visiting the clearing, necessitating the guarding of the growing grain and the sheltering of the stock at night. On one occasion, when he was returning from a trip to the distant mill, he found a family of wild hogs near his door, and he killed the sow, while his bulldog attacked and killed the boar. He served as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting for a term of eight months

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in the Twenty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He lived in this township, honored and esteemed for his many excellent qualities, until his death in 1880, at the age of fifty-six years, being then but a little past the prime of life. He was a man of sterling integrity and honesty and a faithful member of the Baptist church.

In 1844 George Huffman, Jr., married Nancy Cox, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Ephraim and Margaret (Christie) Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Cox migrated to Iowa in 1854, settling as pioneers in Poweshiek county, where they spent their remaining years, beloved and respected by all. Of the union of George and Nancy (Cox) Huffman seven children were born, namely: Two that died in infancy; William, of Albany, Indiana; Samuel F.; Joshua C., who died, leaving a wife and one child; Mrs. Mary M. Limerick, of Hartford City, Indiana; and Thompson M., the subject of this sketch.

Growing to manhood on the parental homestead, Thompson M. Huffman acquired a substantial education in the district schools, and while assisting in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving a farm acquired a practical knowledge of the details of agriculture in its many forms. Succeeding to the ownership of the home farm, he is managing it with skill and ability. Since the days of his boyhood he has witnessed many changes throughout this locality, and as a good and capable citizen has contributed his full share in promoting its growth and prosperity. His farm contains eighty acres of good land, and he farms the eighty acres belonging to his sister, from which he annually reaps rich harvests of grain and fruits, his agricultural labors being well rewarded by the abundant crops produced.

Mr. Huffman married, September 5, 1905, Helen V. Williams, a daughter of Edward James and Margaret (Wilson) Williams, of Allegan county, Michigan, and their pleasant home is a center of social activity. One little child, a boy, Everett Thompson by name, was born December 9, 1907.

**JOHN J. HOOK.** As a soldier in the Civil war John J. Hook, now a resident of Niles township, bravely assisted his country in her time of need, and as an industrious and progressive farmer and a man of honesty and integrity is now faithfully performing the duties devolving upon him as an esteemed and valued citizen of our state. A son of Lewis Hook, he was born February 18, 1845, in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, coming from a prominent Virginian family. His grandfather, James Hook, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, married Mary Lewis, who was born in Kentucky, and soon after taking that important step moved with his family to Ohio, locating in 1806 in Greene county. Courageous and persevering, he

ily's first home. The country thereabout was then a comparative wilderness through which the deer and other wild animals roamed at will, while wild turkeys were more plentiful than the barnyard fowl. He married Minerva Lloyd, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, a daughter of John Lloyd, who was a soldier in the War of 1812. John Lloyd married Sophia Owens Wright, whose father, George Wright, served on General George Washington's staff during the Revolutionary war and was at one time taken prisoner by the British. Lewis Hook was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his comparatively brief life of forty years. His wife preceded him to the life beyond, dying when but thirty years old. They had five children, namely: Maria; Thomas Corwin, who served under General Sherman in the Civil war and died in Greene county, Ohio, in 1901; Mary Ellen; John J., the subject of this sketch; and Martha C., deceased. The Lloyd family was very prominent in Greene county in early times, and were charter members of the old Methodist Episcopal church established at Union Church in 1807, and among its most generous supporters.

But a young child when his mother died, John J. Hook was brought up in the family of his Grandfather Lloyd, receiving his early education in the common schools of Xenia. In 1864 he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Joseph Bouk and Colonel Robert Stevenson, and after serving gallantly both in camp and on the field of battle until the expiration of his term of enlistment was honorably discharged from the army September 5, 1864, at Camp Denison, Ohio.

Mr. Hook married, October 31, 1872, Josephine St. John, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, a daughter of Cyrus B. St. John, but was brought up and educated in Jay county, this state. Five children have been born of their union, namely: Lewis C., living in Richmond, Wayne county; Ora G., residing in Delaware county, near Albany; Paul D., of Coldwater, Ohio, is a railroad man; Cyrus Raymond, of Dunkirk, is employed in the Dunkirk National Bank; and Walter M., living with his parents on the home farm.

A son of John St. John, Cyrus B. St. John, father of Mrs. Hook, was born August 20, 1827, in Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, of French ancestry. John St. John married Eliza Bone, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, a daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (McPherson) Bone, both of whom were of Irish descent. He was a farmer, and died on his Ohio homestead at the age of sixty-eight years. In his earlier years he was a Whig, but afterwards affiliated with the Republican party. Both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. Of their large family of children eleven grew to years of maturity, namely: Cyrus B., Joseph, John, Charles Wesley, William, Franklin, Morgan, Raper, Ira, Isaac Wilson, of Dunkirk, and Jane Peterson. Cyrus B. St. John married, at the age of twenty-one years, Dorothy Hickman, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, a daughter of Laban and Catherine (Price) Hickman. Mr. Hickman was one of the original

settlers of Greene county, where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, selecting what he deemed to be a desirable tract of land. Having cleared a space in the forest, he built a log house, and by indomitable perseverance and resolute labor cleared a homestead. In 1856 Cyrus B. St. John came with his family to Jay county, Indiana, and as a farmer met with eminent success, becoming owner of a magnificent agricultural estate containing three hundred acres. Since his retirement from active labor Mr. St. John has made his home in Albany. Mrs. Dorothy (Hickman) St. John died in April, 1891, at the age of sixty-four years, her birth having occurred September 27, 1827. She bore her husband ten children, of whom nine are living, namely: David Milton, of Niles township; Joseph W., of Randolph county; Lewis R., of Jay county, living on the old homestead property; Catherine, wife of William Campbell, of Hamilton township; Cyrus R., of Richmond; Josephine, wife of Mr. Hook; Roscoe M., of Jay county; Lillie, wife of James Lewis; and Jeremiah Franklin, of Muncie.

**MATTHEW DAVIS.** The prosperous and substantial citizens of Niles township have no more worthy representative than Matthew Davis, who occupies a good position among the keen, enterprising and business-like farmers who are so ably conducting the agricultural interests of this part of Delaware county. A son of the late Rev. Christian S. Davis, he was born July 18, 1852, on the parental homestead, and comes of patriotic stock, his grandfather, Matthew Davis, for whom he was named, having served in the Revolutionary war.

Christian S. Davis was born in Brown county, Ohio, on the farm which his father hewed from the dense wilderness, and received his elementary education in the typical log schoolhouse of his day. From childhood he showed a strong tendency to religious thought and feeling, and from an early age was a close student of the Bible. When but twelve years old he went to Kentucky, where he grew to manhood. Coming then to Indiana, he located first in Randolph county, but afterwards removed to Delaware county, and while here assisted to redeem a portion of the uncultivated soil and also labored to incline the hearts and minds of the people to religious things. He was a preacher in the German Baptist church, and in the performance of the duties devolving upon him in this capacity traveled extensively throughout Delaware and Jay counties. He lived a long and useful life, exemplifying in his daily walks the beauties of the gospel which he preached, and passed away at the age of eighty-four years, serene and happy in his faith of a better world beyond. He married Christina Metzger, who was born in Pennsylvania, and died at the age of seventy-six years in Indiana, leaving three children, namely: John G., of Tennessee; Matthew, the subject of this brief biographical sketch; and Charles, of Tennessee.

The son of a pioneer minister of the gospel, Matthew Davis attended the brief sessions of the district schools, in the meanwhile assisting his

father during seed time and harvest. Developing a liking for the rural occupation to which he was reared, he became a farmer from choice and is now the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres, whose broad fields yield him rich harvests. He has a modernly built house, with a creditable set of farm buildings, and on his estate he has both gas and oil wells.

Mr. Davis married, in Delaware county, June 18, 1874, Lizzie Beal, who was born in this township, a daughter of John and Rebecca Beal. She was born December 12, 1853, and died September 10, 1876, at the early age of twenty-three years. She bore him two children, one of whom died in infancy, the other being Mrs. Nettie G. Ledbetter, of Niles township. Mr. Davis married second, November 22, 1877, Mary E. Beal, a sister of his first wife. She died December 5, 1884, aged twenty-seven years, leaving two children, namely: Orville L., of Randolph county; and Mrs. Lola S. Philabaum, who lives on her father's farm. Mr. Davis married third, December 3, 1885, Rose E. Fleming, who was born and bred in Niles township, born March 4, 1855, a daughter of William C. Fleming and granddaughter of Caleb Fleming, of Ohio. Mr. Fleming was born in Ohio and during the Civil war served for nine months. He subsequently settled on a farm in Niles township, and for a number of years was actively employed in tilling the soil. He is now living retired in Hartford City, where he is esteemed and respected as a man of honor and integrity, and is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Sarah Worster, who was born in Fayette county, Illinois, a daughter of the late Amos M. Worster. Mr. Worster had passed the age limit for soldiers at the time of the Civil war, but so anxious was he to serve his country that he put the number forty-five in his hat and testified that he was under forty-five, and at the same time a young son of his, a beardless youth, put the number eighteen in his boots and said that he was over eighteen, and both were mustered into service. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Fleming, namely: Mrs. Rose Davis, wife of the subject of this sketch; James A.; Mrs. Sarah O. Caldwell; Mary E., who died at the age of nineteen years; Mrs. Sophronia King, of Pueblo, Colorado; Mrs. Rachel Cassiday, of Wabash, Indiana; and Mrs. Mattie Tilton, of Danville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have one child, Ivan C. Davis, living at home. He was educated in the common schools and is a progressive farmer. He wedded Miss Ethel Vincent, daughter of Minan Vincent. They were married November 16, 1907, and reside in Niles township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Davis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and liberal supporters of the organization.

CALVIN C. EDGINGTON. A farmer of well known ability and enterprise, Calvin C. Edgington is closely identified with the agricultural interests of Niles township, where, by persevering labor and judicious forethought, he has a finely improved farm of eighty acres. A son of Job Edgington, he was born May 5, 1839, in Adams county, Ohio, almost on the banks of the

Ohio river, on the homestead which his grandfather, William Edgington, cleared from its original wildness.

A native of Virginia, William Edgington was born of English ancestors. He served in the war of 1812, and on land which he received from the government in Adams county, Ohio, he subsequently settled. With his wife, whose maiden name was Phebe Jane Nolman, Mr. Edgington's great-grandfather made the journey across the rough and hilly country lying between Virginia and Ohio with two pack horses, taking their two children in baskets, one being swung on each side of a horse, while in the saddle-bags of the other horse their clothing, bedding and some of their household goods were stowed. He, however, walked the greater part of the way.

Job Edgington was born on the parental homestead in Adams county, Ohio, and was there brought up in true pioneer style. From his youth up he worked on the farm, and when ready to establish himself in life came to Delaware county, where he improved a good homestead. He became one of the leading farmers of his neighborhood and a citizen of prominence and influence. Taking intelligent interest in public affairs he was actively identified with the Democratic party, and for nine years served as justice of the peace. He died on the home farm at the age of fifty-eight years, his death being a loss to the community. He married Huldah A. Smith, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, where her father, William Smith, settled as a pioneer, moving there from Virginia after the war of 1812, in which he served most valiantly. Mr. Smith married Rachel Tennis, who was born in Virginia, of German ancestors. Of the union of Job and Huldah A. (Smith) Edgington seven children were born, namely: Calvin C., the subject of this sketch; William, who served for three years in the Civil war, belonging to the First Ohio Heavy Artillery, and died in 1902 at Muncie, Indiana; Sarah Jane, deceased; James S., deceased; Mary E.; Joseph, deceased; and Catherine R., in Adams county, Ohio.

Brought up on a farm and educated in the district schools, Calvin C. Edgington has followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active career and is seemingly proficient in the art and science of this great industry. Coming to Niles township to settle permanently, he bought, in 1892, from Elisha R. Wingate, his present farm of eighty acres, which formerly belonged to Charles Dudelson. The place was somewhat run down when he took possession of it, but through his wise judgment in the rotation of crops and the raising of clover and stock, he has added to the richness of

sixty-three years. She was a woman of much force of character, a faithful Christian and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of their marriage three children were born, namely: Mrs. Emma H. Dowden, of Cowan, this county; Henry K., a prominent and highly respected resident of Niles township; and Mrs. Eliza B. Walburn, of this township. Mr. Edgington has one of the old wooden clocks which belonged to his grandfather Smith and it is now eighty-six years old and keeps good time, a relic of the pioneer days. He also has one of the old parchment deeds executed by President Van Buren, the seventh deed of the kind found in the county.

**WILLIAM BACH.** A skilful and practical farmer, systematic and thorough in his methods, William Bach, living on section 12, Niles township, is a fine representative of the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of this part of Delaware county and one of its most respected residents. A son of John George Bach, he was born, February 22, 1852, in Jersey City, New Jersey, being the descendant of a Bavarian family of worth.

Born and bred in Bavaria, Germany, John George Bach remained in the fatherland a number of years after his first marriage. Becoming convinced, however, that on that side of the ocean it was almost impossible for a man to rise very much above the condition to which he was born, he decided to seek more favorable opportunities in the new world. He sailed, therefore, with his family, in January, 1852, for New York, arriving in that port after a tedious voyage of seventy-three days. Locating first in Jersey City, New Jersey, he carried on market gardening successfully for a few years and then moved to Seneca county, Ohio, where he carried on general farming, later to Hancock county and thence to Putnam county in 1861, and there died April 7, 1901, at the venerable age of eighty years and two months. He was a man of honest integrity, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the German Reformed church. He married first, in Bavaria, Catherine Baker, who was born and brought up in that place and died in 1868 in Putnam county, Ohio, aged forty-nine years. She bore him nine children, two of whom are dead, one having died in Germany, and one, Jacob, dying in this country. Seven are living, namely: Anna Mary, George H., William, Eva, Edward, John Thomas and D. H. By his second marriage he had one child, Ludwig B.

Receiving his early education in the public schools of Ohio, William Bach subsequently removed with the family to Seneca county, that state, where he was for a time in business as an agriculturist. On October 27, 1904, Mr. Bach purchased the farm on which he is now residing. His farm of ninety-three acres is beautifully located but one mile from Dunkirk, and its dark, rich soil is exactly suited to the raising of large crops of grain, hay and small fruits. His well furnished house, with its broad and roomy porches, is conveniently arranged, and his barn and outbuildings contain an

ample supply of machinery, implements and appliances necessary for an up-to-date agriculturist.

Mr. Bach married, October 27, 1881, near Pennville, Jay county, Indiana, Mary L. Gaunt, who was born in that county August 2, 1864, and the birthplace of her parents, John B. and Priscilla (Dye) Gaunt, was Champaign county, Ohio, and of her maternal grandfather, Miner Dye, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gaunt was a life-long farmer and always an active supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He died when fifty-five years of age, and his wife, who survived him, died when sixty-two years old. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the eight children born to them three are deceased and five are living, namely: Zilpha E., Ross B., Nathan D., Mrs. Mary L. Bach, and William A. Mr. and Mrs. Bach are the parents of four children, one deceased, Nettie May, and those living are: Elsie A., who was graduated from the Dunkirk high school with the class of 1906, is a successful teacher in Niles township; William Wallace, now taking a commercial course at the Muncie Business College; and Ina Priscilla, who graduated in the class of 1907 and is now taking a commercial course. Roe George Bach, a son of Mr. Bach's brother, John T. Bach, has lived in the family of Mr. Bach since the days of his infancy, and is now a fine, manly boy of fourteen years. A man of great intelligence and high moral principles, and a simon-pure Democrat in politics, Mr. Bach takes a genuine interest in public matters, conscientiously performing his duties as a good citizen. He was a valued member of the United Presbyterian church but is now of the Congregational church, in which he has served as steward and elder for many years, and of which Mrs. Bach is also a member. Both are good church workers and were teachers in the Sunday School.

WILLIAM H. RICHEY. Noteworthy among the many prosperous and able agriculturists of Niles township is William H. Richey, whose well improved and judiciously cultivated estate of fifty acres, situated on section 23, is one of the model farms of the vicinity. He is held in high respect as a man of sterling character and in all of his transactions pays due regard to honor and veracity, his word being as acceptable as his bond. A native of Delaware township, he was born January 18, 1857, a son of Alfred Richey and a grandson of Judge John Richey, one of the pioneer judges of this county. Judge Richey was of Irish ancestry, his father having been born in Ireland. Coming as a pioneer to Delaware county, he became prominent in public affairs, holding offices of trust and serving as judge for many years, a capacity in which his rulings were invariably wise, just and

cultivating the soil, owning and occupying a good homestead property. He was a man of honor and integrity, and his death, which occurred when he was but forty-nine years old, was a cause of general regret. In politics he was a Republican and upheld the principles of his party by voice and vote. He married Malinda Brammer, a daughter of Edmund Brammer, a pioneer settler of this county. She died at the age of fifty-three years. She was a woman widely esteemed for her many virtues and was a faithful member of the Baptist church. Five children, all sons, were born to them, namely: John E., a successful carpenter and contractor living in Albany; Andrew, who died when nineteen years old; William H., the special subject of this sketch; Willis, of Tipton, Indiana; and Stephen Reeder, deceased. Stephen Reeder Richey was a young man of more than ordinary ability and for some time was employed in the United States signal service, being first stationed at Pierre, South Dakota. He was subsequently promoted and transferred to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where his death occurred when he was but twenty-two years of age. He was a bright, keen-witted young man, with the jovial and kindly disposition of his grandfather, and like him made friends wherever he went.

Educated in the common schools and reared by his parents in the paths of industry and integrity, William H. Richey grew up on the home farm, there in early life commencing his agricultural career. In his operations he has been eminently successful, the farm which he now owns and occupies bearing visible evidence of the thrift and enterprise which first established it and by which it has since been carried on.

Mr. Richey married first, in 1882, Margaret A. Stansbury, a daughter of George L. Stansbury, who came to this county from Pennsylvania, his birthplace. Mr. Stansbury was a well known farmer of this vicinity, and two of his sons, Smith and Jethro, served in the Civil war. Mrs. Margaret Richey died July 27, 1905, her death being a sad bereavement to her family. Four children were born of their union, namely: Ethel, wife of Walter Black, of Niles township, has two children, Paul and Leland Stanford; Willard, who died at the age of seventeen months; Willis, of Los Angeles, California; and Mary Ivolue. Mr. Richey married second, in March, 1907, Ida Wise, a daughter of John Wise, a well known citizen of Dunkirk. Politically Mr. Richey is a champion of the principles of the Republican party, and religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES CLARK. Conspicuous among the native born citizens of Niles township noted for their worth and prosperity is Charles Clark, who is successfully employed on the homestead where he was born, his birth occurring October 6, 1873. Active and progressive, he labors intelligently, and in the care of his estate, known as Pleasant Hill Farm, he is meeting with ample reward, the fertile soil responding generously to his wise treatment. He is a son of Lewis B. Clark, now living in Dunkirk, and a grand-

son of the late Samuel Clark, who redeemed this homestead from the wilderness.

Coming from thrifty Scotch-Irish ancestry, Samuel Clark was born and bred in old Virginia. When a young man, impelled by the restive American spirit that led so many to seek new locations in the wild lands of the then far west, he came to Delaware county in pioneer times and here took up land from the government. He built a log cabin of the typical pioneer style, and having cleared a sufficient space sowed his first crop. Wild animals of all kinds were numerous and destructive, bears, deer, wolves, foxes and smaller game making frequent visits to the clearing, and the growing grain had to be guarded to prevent the deer from destroying it, while the young stock had to be sheltered at night to keep them from the howling wolves. Wild turkey and other game filled the family larder to a great extent. He labored with pioneer grit and energy, and ere many years had passed had his land in a productive condition, improving a goodly portion of it. On this homestead his children were born, and here he spent the remainder of his life, an honored and respected citizen of the place.

Lewis B. Clark was born on this homestead and as soon as old enough was called upon to do his full share in improving it. He succeeded to its ownership and was here profitably engaged in farming for many years, readily obtaining recognition as one of the most skillful and successful agriculturists of the locality. Giving up active life, he removed to Dunkirk, where he is now living retired from business cares and responsibilities. He married Mandy J. Leedum, who was born in Blackford county, the descendant of a pioneer family of that place, and into their home five children were born, namely: Bertha, wife of John Wright, formerly of Dunkirk but now of West Virginia; Charles, the special subject of this sketch; Della, wife of Charles Jones, of Dunkirk; Marion, of Dunkirk; and Orville W., of Dunkirk. The father is a Democrat in politics, and the mother is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Early taught to work, Charles Clark became familiar with agricultural labors when young, and while thus engaged in outdoor employments grew to a vigorous manhood, developing strength and muscle. He had for a while a desire to try mechanical work and learned the glass blowers' trade, which he followed for twelve years. Returning then to the old homestead, he resumed the work to which he was bred, and is now one of the foremost farmers of this vicinity, Pleasant Hill Farm, with its many improvements and appointments, constituting one of the most valuable estates in the community.

On July 1, 1893, Mr. Clark married Essie B. Bartlett, who was born on the old Bartlett homestead, near Albany, a daughter of the late William T. Bartlett. Her grandfather, Elisha Bartlett, was born in Greene county, Ohio, a son of John Bartlett. When a young man he emigrated to Delaware county, coming here when the country was comparatively new. Selecting a tract of wild land near Albany, he cleared an opening in the

primeval woods, erected a small log cabin for his first dwelling, and for many years afterwards was one of the most earnest and active citizens of the place, being one of the foremost in advancing its growth. He made frequent investments in land adjoining his homestead, acquiring title to seven hundred acres, on which he engaged in farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He married Dorothy Bales and of the ten children born of their union six are living, namely: James A., Reuben, John, Calvin, Mrs. Flora Cline, and Mrs. Lizzie Martin. William T. Bartlett, who died while in the prime of life, in Albany, was an able business man and a very popular and highly respected citizen. He did much to advance the interests of the place in which he resided, among other things erecting the Bartlett Hotel block. He married Dorothea Bates, by whom he had four children, namely: O. L., of Mound City, Illinois; Mrs. Wilda F. Houseman, of Dunkirk; Mrs. Essie B. Clark, wife of Charles Clark; and Mrs. Bessie Barnes, of Dunkirk, who are twins. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have two children, namely: Herschel Roy, now, 1907, fourteen years old; and Mary Marcella, eight years old. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are genial and agreeable people and enjoy to the utmost the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN C. WILLIAMS. An industrious and well-to-do agriculturist of Niles township, John C. Williams has a small but well improved farm on section 28, and is there busily employed in the prosecution of that independent calling upon which the wealth and the prosperity of our nation so largely rests. The descendant of an early pioneer family of this county, he was born in Hamilton township, near Eaton, July 18, 1854, a son of the late Enoch M. Williams and grandson of Thomas Williams.

Thomas Williams was born, brought up and married in Ohio. He came to Delaware county at a very early period of its settlement, and here reared his large family of children, which included ten sons, a family of which any father might well be proud. In common with the other pioneers of that day, he performed no inconsiderable part in helping to develop the agricultural resources of this part of the country, and in addition to farming worked at his trade of gunsmith. Indians still inhabited the woods, and wild turkey, deer and other game were abundant. He was a famous hunter, and made his own guns, having some for the killing of large game and others used in hunting small game. There were then no markets in this vicinity, and the family lived largely on the products of the farm and the chase. Fearless and daring, he was never afraid to attack any wild beast, bears, wolves and wildcats falling before his sure aim. The guns and rifles of his manufacture were famous in this locality, and to each of his sons he gave a gun or rifle, and these are highly prized by his descendants.

Born in Ohio, Enoch M. Williams came with the family to Delaware county, and here grew to manhood, spending within its precincts his brief

life of forty-one years. He served for a while in the Civil war, belonging to the Eighty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He afterwards settled as a farmer in Hamilton township, where he resided until his death. He married, first, Mary Kelley, who was born in Blackford county, Indiana, where her parents settled when coming here from their Pennsylvania home. She died in early womanhood, having borne him two children, of whom John C., the subject of this sketch, is the only one living. He married, second, a Miss Haynes, daughter of Daniel Haynes, of Blackford county, and of that union three children were born, namely: Mrs. Fanny Rogers, George and Charles.

As a boy John C. Williams attended the district school, gleaning his early education during its short terms, and as early as practicable was initiated into the mysteries of farming. Taking up this as a permanent occupation, he located first near Muncie, afterwards living in Sharon for four years. About 1890 he came to Niles township, purchased his present farm of thirty-seven acres, and, acting on the principle that a small farm well managed was much better than an extensive estate, he has since been here prosperously employed in his chosen calling, reaping both pleasure and profit from his labors.

On December 17, 1881, Mr. Williams married Sarah A. Saunders, who was born in Muncie, a daughter of Joseph Saunders. Mr. Saunders was a son of George Saunders, who settled in Ohio in 1832, and there spent the remainder of his life as a farmer, clearing and improving a homestead from the wild land that he took up from the government. He was born on the Ohio homestead, and, following the march of civilization westward, came to Indiana in pioneer times, settling near Muncie, and there resided until his death, at the age of seventy-one years. He married Mary Wilson, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of eleven children, and ten grew to years of maturity, namely: William, of Portland, Indiana, served as a soldier in the Civil war; Moses, a soldier in the Civil war, died while at home on a furlough; Thomas; George; Sarah A., wife of Mr. Williams; John; Nancy; Joseph; Theodore; and Elmer. The mother died March 10, 1907, aged eighty-four years, leaving nine children, thirty-one grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have three children, one of whom, Lossie H., died when but eighteen months old, while two are living, namely: Linnie May, wife of Oscar Siler, of this township, and Mary L. Politically Mr. Williams is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally he is a member of Tribe No. 74, I. O. R. M., of Eaton.

SCOTT S. DUKE. Especially deserving of notice in this volume is

keen judgment of the owner. A native of Indiana, he was born January 14, 1861, at Goose Creek, near Greencastle, Henry county, a son of George Washington Duke. His paternal grandfather, James Duke, was born and brought up in North Carolina, where for many years he was a slave overseer and manager of a large plantation. Coming to Indiana at an early day, he located in Henry county when the settlements were few and far between, bravely daring all the hardships and privations incidental to life in an undeveloped country. He was a famous trapper and hunter, expert in the use of gun and rifle, many a wild turkey and goose, which furnished food for the family, falling before his quick and sure aim. He and his wife brought up a large family of children, many of them being sons who grew to a stalwart manhood.

George Washington Duke was born in North Carolina, but was brought up and educated in Henry county, Indiana. He followed the occupation of his ancestors, becoming a successful tiller of the soil, and remained thus employed until his death in 1894, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a man of genuine worth, well respected by all who knew him, and took an intelligent interest in public matters, supporting the principles of the Republican party. He married Jane Smith, a daughter of William Smith, of Henry county, for his first wife, and they reared a large family of children, as follows: William; John; Martha M., wife of G. A. Kooz, of Newcastle, Indiana; Joseph; Marion M.; James; Scott S., the subject of this sketch; George, deceased; Newton; and Luther. The mother died when her son Scott was eleven years old. Mr. Duke subsequently married again, and by his second wife had one child, Mrs. Josie Lefever, of Eaton, Indiana.

Born and bred as a farmer's son, Scott S. Duke has been faithful to the lessons taught him in his youthful days, and since taking possession of his present farm has managed it with as much pleasure as profit. In addition to tilling the land he makes a specialty of raising stock of a good grade, at the present time having about a hundred head of swine on his place. He has a thorough knowledge of the various branches of agriculture, learning readily by observation and experience, and is meeting with most satisfactory returns in his farming operations.

On November 7, 1897, in Union township, Mr. Duke married Ida May Collins, who was born and educated in Delaware county, a daughter of George W. and Susan (Chipman) Collins. Mrs. Susan Collins died when Ida May, their only child, was an infant. Mr. Collins subsequently married Louisa Kiplinger, and of their children one is living, Mrs. Bessie G. Waller, of Union township. Mr. Collins is a farmer and during the Civil war served as a soldier. He is a Republican in his political views and is a member of Eaton Post, G. A. R. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Duke, namely: Walter Scott, born September 6, 1899; and Cloyd Everett and Lloyd Eugene, twins, born November 15, 1901. But one of the twins is living, Lloyd Eugene having died at the age of

eight months. Mr. Duke is an active supporter of all projects calculated to advance the welfare and the prosperity of the community in which he resides, being liberal and public-spirited. He is a staunch Republican in politics, ever supporting the principles of his party, and is a member of Eaton Camp, No. 5716, M. W. A. Mrs. Duke is a member and one of the officials of the Royal Neighbors, No. 3505.

MILO BRYAN. Establishing himself in Niles township upwards of forty years ago, Milo Bryan has since been actively associated with the development and growth of its agricultural interests. Industrious and thrifty, possessing sound judgment, he has succeeded in building up a fine farming estate, which, with its valuable improvements and appointments, bears visible evidence of the success and prosperity of the owner. He was born December 7, 1833, in Ross county, Ohio, a son of Zephaniah Bryan. He comes of early and honored stock, being descended from the same emigrant ancestor as William Jennings Bryan, of national fame. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Bryan, was born in Pennsylvania, but soon after the close of the War of 1812, in which he actively participated, located in Ohio, taking up government land.

A native of Ohio, Zephaniah Bryan spent his earlier years in Ross county, subsequently moving to Fayette county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Matilda Waugh, a daughter of Joseph Waugh, who served in the Revolutionary army under General Washington. He lived to the age of seventy-six years and was survived by his wife, who died at the venerable age of eighty-six years. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reared a large family of children, namely: Zephaniah, of Fayette county, Ohio; Milo, the special subject of this sketch; Mary, who died at the age of five years; Wesley; Josiah, who was a veteran of the Civil war and died while in service in Indiana; Fletcher, of Muncie; and Mrs. Almira B. Smith, of Washington Court House, Ohio.

Brought up on a farm, Milo Bryan received such educational advantages as were afforded by the pioneer schools of his native county. On the home farm he grew to a stalwart manhood, being endowed with much strength and vigor, and inheriting from his parents those characteristics of industry, frugality and stability that have been such important aids to him in overcoming the various obstacles that he has met while treading the pathway to success. In 1866, desirous of enlarging his opportunities as a farmer, Mr. Bryan came to Delaware county, locating in Niles township.

agriculture in the most thorough and skilful manner, proving him to be a complete master of the vocation which he is so successfully following.

In 1855, in Ohio, Mr. Bryan married Elizabeth Cannon, a daughter of Bios Newton Cannon, who for half a century was one of the most prominent men of Locust Grove, Adams county, Ohio. Mr. Cannon married Julia A., daughter of James Horn, a soldier in the War of 1812, and of the children born of their union seven survive, namely: Joseph, Curtis, Randolph, Cyrus, Wellington (who served as a soldier in the Civil war), Caroline and Elizabeth (wife of Mr. Bryan). Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have had six children, two of whom have passed to the higher life, Effie having lived but one short year, while a son, Wellington R., died at the age of thirty-two years, leaving a widow and one child, Eulah Faye. Four of the children are living, namely: Judson M., Mrs. Ida S. Andrews, Ella V. and Mrs. Laura E. Taylor. All reside in Niles township, not far from the home of their parents. Religiously Mr. Bryan is a Spiritualist and a firm believer in its teachings.

**NORVAL T. WINGATE.** A wide-awake, capable young man, who is successfully devoting his time and energies to the development and improvement of his land, Norval T. Wingate holds high rank among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Niles township. His estate, known as the Pleasant Hill Farm, is one of the best in the vicinity, and with its convenient buildings and the various appliances for carrying on his work, is a credit to him and an ornament to the neighborhood. The son of a pioneer of prominence, the late Elisha Reece Wingate, he was born in this township, on what is now known as the William Shirk farm, March 6, 1873. He comes from honored stock, his great-grandfather, Philip Wingate, a native of Delaware, having served in the Revolutionary war.

Elisha R. Wingate, a son of James W. Wingate, of Delaware, was born in Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, in 1840, and died, in 1902, on his homestead farm near Granville. He was a stanch Republican in politics, and for many years he and his wife, whose maiden name was Letta Thornburg, were valued members of the Christian church. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four daughters died in childhood, and one daughter, Lizzie, died when eighteen years old, and three are now living, namely: Frank, of Niles township; Norval T., the special subject of this sketch; and William, of whom a brief life history may be found elsewhere in this volume.

At the age of sixteen years, Norval T. Wingate, who had completed his studies in the district school, began life for himself, poor in pocket but rich in ambition and energy. Profiting by the lessons that he learned from his father, who was well versed in agriculture, he became familiar with all the branches of farming, and soon selected that industry as his life work. Prudent and thrifty by nature, he accumulated money, which he wisely invested in land, buying the "Jaba" Vincent farm of fifty-seven acres, on

which he now resides. Continuing in his chosen occupation, Mr. Wingate has made substantial improvements on the place, and as a stock raiser and general farmer is exceedingly prosperous. He is an excellent judge of stock of all kinds, and as a buyer and seller of the same is carrying on an extensive and profitable business.

On June 18, 1894, Mr. Wingate married Stella P. Friddle, a daughter of James C. Friddle, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. J. A. Rully. Her grandfather, John W. Friddle, was an early pioneer of Delaware county, coming here in 1846. He was born in South Carolina, which was also the birthplace of his parents, Moses and Eliza (Gibbon) Friddle, who came from there north, locating first in Ohio and then in Randolph county, Indiana, where they resided the remaining years of their lives. John W. Friddle was about fourteen years old when he accompanied his parents to Greene county, Ohio, traveling across the country with teams. In 1846 he took up land in Delaware county, and from that time until his death he was actively employed in tilling the soil. He married Mrs. Mary J. (Campbell) Boots, a daughter of James Campbell, of Greene county, Ohio, and widow of a Mr. Boots, who died early in manhood, leaving her with three children, namely: Daniel D., Adam and Anna Boots. Of this marriage six children were born, four sons and two daughters, James C. being the eldest child.

James C. Friddle was born in Delaware county, December 26, 1847. Succeeding to the free and independent occupation in which he was reared, he has been extensively engaged in general farming the greater part of his life, being now the owner of a well kept and well managed farm in Delaware township. At the age of twenty-five years he married Eliza Ellen Godwin, who was born in Randolph county, Indiana, a daughter of John Godwin, a native of Highland county, Ohio, and granddaughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (West) Godwin. John Godwin married Mary Windowmaker, whose father, Jacob Windowmaker, served as a soldier in the War of 1812. James C. Friddle and his wife were the parents of two children, namely: Mrs. Stella P. Wingate, wife of the subject of this sketch; and Burl F., of Delaware county.

Four children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wingate, namely: Letta Ellen, Mahlon Oscar, Wallace Laselle, and J. Ephus Hanly. Mr. Wingate and his family occupy a pleasant social position among the people of their community, by whom they are respected for their many virtues and heartily liked for their frank, open-hearted hospitality and genial manners. Mr. Wingate is actively identified with the Republican party, and for the past six years he has been a precinct committeeman.

**WILLIAM P. WINGATE.** The Oak Grove Stock Farm in Niles township is generally regarded and often spoken of as one of the best farms of the county. Its owner, William P. Wingate, a member of one of the oldest families of northeastern Delaware county, is closely identified with the agri-

cultural prosperity of the county. A young man of great energy and ability, he is interested in all those things that contribute to the welfare and progress of the community and is a valuable and influential citizen. A son of Elisha R. Wingate, he was born on the old home farm, about seven and a half miles northeast of Muncie, near Granville, July 5, 1880. His grandfather, James W. Wingate, and his great-grandfather, Philip Wingate, were both natives of Delaware state, and the latter went from that state to serve under Washington during the Revolutionary war.

The late Elisha R. Wingate, who died at his home on the Granville pike, March 23, 1902, aged sixty-three, was born in Hillsboro, High county, Ohio, February 12, 1840, where his parents were pioneers, and at the age of twelve years came with the family to Delaware county. They purchased the land that has long been known as the Wingate homestead in Niles township, and improved it from a wild state into a valuable and profitable estate. Elisha R. Wingate lived a life of great industry and was highly respected by all who knew him, and a member of the Christian church at Granville. He served his country during the Civil war as a member of the Twenty-second Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, being mustered out with his regiment at the close of the war. He is a member of Free and Accepted Masons and the Royal Arch Masons. He married Letta Thornburg March 15, 1860, who was born in Randolph county, Indiana, December 9, 1843, a daughter of Joab Thornburg. Four of their children died in childhood, Lizzie died at the age of eighteen, and the three living, all residents of Niles township, are: Frank S., Norval T. and William P.

Joab Thornburg, father of Mrs. Elisha Wingate, was the founder of another well known family of Niles township. Born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1816, a son of Morgan and Hannah (Hart) Thornburg, he represented an original Tennessee family that was among the earliest settlers of eastern Indiana. His parents were both born in Tennessee, and in 1806 moved to that part of the territory of Indiana which afterwards became Randolph county, being among the very first to locate there. They later lived in Ohio some years and finally returned to Tennessee. Joab Thornburg came from Ohio to Delaware county in 1840 and was among those who secured their land directly from the government. He spent most of his life in tilling the soil. He died near Dunkirk, Indiana. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Medsker, bore him nine children, namely: Catherine Bales; Letta, wife of Elisha R. Wingate; Mary A. Klugh, deceased; Martha J. Harty; Sarah E. Bales; Elizabeth W. Williams, deceased; William, who died in 1878; Retta S. Cunningham; and Amanda Rook, deceased.

William P. Wingate received such educational advantages as the public schools of his neighborhood afforded, and at the age of seventeen began work on his own account, spending one season in Illinois. Diligent and thrifty the money he accumulated he wisely invested in land, and it was in this way that he achieved the ownership of his fine stock farm. Oak Grove Farm produces abundant crops of grain and its cattle and horses are

well known for their excellence of breeding. A comfortable residence and substantial farm buildings are among the material evidences of Mr. Wingate's prosperity and also indicate the thorough ability with which he conducts his farm. In politics he steadfastly adheres to the Republican party. He is a member of Heart and Hand Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F., at Albany. His wife is a member of the lodge of Rebekahs, and is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bethel.

Mr. Wingate was married at the age of twenty-one to Miss Laura Della Shirk. They have one child, Margaret Hazel, born August 28, 1903. Mrs. Wingate, who was born in Niles township, September 9, 1878, is a daughter of William Shirk, a well known citizen of this part of the county. Mr. Shirk was born in Greene county, Ohio, was a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war, being wounded at Buzzard's Roost, Georgia, and later, following a period of residence one-half mile from Jasper, Ohio, located on the farm in Niles township where he has since lived, a successful and esteemed farmer. He married at the age of twenty-three Miss Margaret Golder, daughter of John and Emeline (Bullock) Golder, who were pioneers of Greene county, Ohio, from the state of New York. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Shirk were: John A., Hiram G. (deceased), Dorothy E., Barley, Jacob M., William S., Margaret E. Fudge and Laura Della Wingate. Mrs. Wingate graduated from the Niles township schools in 1898 and spent a term in Muncie College.

DAVID H. NIHART. Among the active and leading business men of Albany, Delaware county, is David H. Nihart, a well known and successful druggist. He was born in Center township, this county, October 21, 1840, a son of Philip Nihart, who located here in 1837. He comes of excellent German stock, his grandfather, Jacob Nihart, having been born in one of the Rhenish provinces of Germany, from whence he emigrated to the United States.

After spending the earlier years of his life in Perry county, Ohio, Philip Nihart moved to Indiana, settling in Delaware county as a pioneer in 1837. Like his thrifty ancestors, he was a farmer, and by dint of sturdy labor cleared and improved a fine homestead, on which he was engaged in his independent calling until his death, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He married, in Perry county, Ohio, Christine Roth, who was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of an old and highly respected family. Seven children were born of their union, five of whom grew to years of

and when not employed on the farm felled trees in the forest and cut railroad ties, work that strengthened his muscles and developed a fine physique. In 1863 he enlisted as a private in Company G, Ninth Indiana Cavalry, and served bravely under Captain James R. Nation and Colonel G. W. Jackson. He went with his comrades from Richmond, Indiana, to Indianapolis, thence south to Nashville, and from there to Pulaski, where he was stationed three months. He subsequently participated in many of the important engagements in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and under that gallant leader, General Wilson, took an active part in several famous raids of the southern campaign. At Franklin, Tennessee, on one of the raids Mr. Nihart received a serious flesh and bone wound, but refused to go to the hospital, keeping on with his company to Vicksburg, Mississippi, continuing in service until after the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, September 9, 1865. Embarking then in business as a druggist, Mr. Nihart was first located in Lima, Ohio, afterward removing to Muncie, Indiana, and from there coming to Albany, where he has built up an excellent and remunerative trade and won a desirable position among the leading citizens of the place.

Mr. Nihart married, September 29, 1869, at Pennville, Jay county, Indiana, Diantha E. Stansbury, a daughter of George Stansbury. They are the parents of two children, namely: Charles L., an optician in Muncie; and Arthur Aubrey, who is in business with his father in Albany. Politically Mr. Nihart is a sound Republican, and as a stanch and true citizen uses his influence to promote the best interests of town and county. Socially he is a member of Delaware Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Muncie, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His son Charles is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

**SHERMAN J. SHROYER.** No man in this community is more widely known or more highly esteemed than Sherman J. Shroyer, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, and who is at the present time serving as the trustee of Liberty township and is the leading hardware merchant of Selma. His paternal grandfather, Melker Shroyer, was the first to establish the family home in Delaware county, coming from West Virginia, his native commonwealth, and becoming one of the early pioneers of Liberty township. He was married in West Virginia to one of its native daughters, Rebecca Jones, and they became the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters, three of whom were born in West Virginia and the remainder in Delaware county. About 1836 the family made the overland journey to Delaware county, Indiana, where Melker Shroyer purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Liberty township, building him thereon a log cabin, barn and shop, for he was a gunsmith by trade. He remained in Liberty township until his life's labors were ended in death, and in the interim cleared and improved his one hundred and

sixty acres of land in sections 3 and 10. He was a lifelong Republican in his political affiliations, and his name is recorded among the brave and revered pioneers of Delaware county, where for many years he served as a justice of the peace. His busy and useful life was ended when he reached the age of sixty-nine years, passing away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was long a valued and faithful member. His brother John Shroyer was killed by bushwhackers during the war of the rebellion.

A son of this honored early pioneer and the father of him whose name introduces this review, Nathan J. Shroyer, is numbered among the native sons of Liberty township, born on the 19th of October, 1838, and for many years he was numbered among the township's leading farmers, owning and operating eighty acres of land. He was here married to Eliza Jane Wood, the daughter of John and Mary Wood, who established their home within the borders of Liberty township, the birthplace of their daughter, Eliza J., in a very early day in its history. Six children, three sons and three daughters, were born of this union, all born in Liberty township, Delaware county, namely: Harvey (deceased), M. Baker, Emma, Sherman J., Julia and Sarah. As a representative of the Republican party Mr. Shroyer served in the office of trustee for four years, and during a period of six years was also one of the commissioners of Delaware county. His fraternal affiliations were with the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, passing away in its faith when he had reached the sixty-seventh milestone on the journey of life.

Sherman J. Shroyer, Selma's leading hardware merchant, was born in Liberty township October 9, 1864, and in its district schools he received his educational training. He left home when twenty-four years of age and thereafter was identified with the well digging business for ten years. In 1898 he removed to Selma to enter upon his duties in the office of post-master, and ere the expiration of his term of service he embarked in the hardware business, this being in 1903, and he has since purchased the stock of J. E. Davis, the auditor of Delaware county. Mr. Shroyer carries in his store a complete line of hardware goods, and in addition is also engaged in the sale of buggies.

He was married December 29, 1899, to Luella Watt, a native of Liberty township and a daughter of John C. and Jane (Williams) Watt, farming people of the community. Two sons, Nathan Watt and John Frederick, have been born of this union, born respectively March 8, 1901, and August 29, 1903, in Selma. Mr. Shroyer has given a lifelong support to the principles of the Republican party, and in 1904 was elected its representative in the office of trustee of Liberty township, entering upon the duties of this position in January, 1905. He has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its encampment, with the Red Men, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**JOHN A. SHROYER.** Mr. John A. Shroyer is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising on his valuable estate of one hundred and fifty-eight acres in section 35, Liberty township. This township also numbers him among her native sons, born December 21, 1845. His father, Melker Shroyer, was born and reared near Grafton, West Virginia, a son of Louis Shroyer, whose sketch appears on other pages of this work. In his native commonwealth Melker Shroyer married Rebecca Jones, whose birth also occurred in that state. He was a blacksmith and gunsmith and followed those trades in West Virginia until he made the overland journey with his family to Indiana. After sojourning in Madison county for a few years they resumed their journey to Delaware county, where the husband and father entered eighty acres of land in the dense woods of Liberty township. Later another eighty-acre tract was added thereto, the purchase price being a dollar and sixty-five cents an acre, and with the aid of his sons he cleared his land and placed it under cultivation, supplementing his agricultural labors for a number of years with the work of his trades. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer, namely: Louis, deceased; William; Sarah, also deceased; Nathan, deceased; Elizabeth; Jacob, who was killed at the battle of Kenesaw mountain in the Civil war, in which he served with the Eighty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; John A., the subject of this review, and Eliza. Mr. Shroyer, the father, affiliated with the Republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was well known and honored throughout this section of Delaware county.

The early boyhood days of John A. Shroyer were spent in assisting in the work of clearing and cultivating the old homestead farm, and his early educational training was received in the primitive log schools of Liberty township. The first home of his own was a rented farm in Liberty township, but in 1879 he purchased and moved to his present homestead, then partially cleared, and the many improvements which now add so much to its value and attractive appearance have been placed there by him.

In 1874 Mr. Shroyer married Margaret Baughn, who was born in Ohio, the daughter of Lester and Susannah Baughn, farming people of Randolph county, Indiana. Of the nine children, eight sons and one daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer, seven were born on the present homestead, and all were born and reared in Liberty township, namely: Charles, Ernest, Harvey, Arthur, Herbert, Walter, Burch, Zilla and Frank. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Shroyer has allied his political interests with the Republican party, and he is a worthy and valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS.** Mr. Williams, one of the most prominent and successful business men of Liberty township, engaged in the drug trade in Selma, where he is also serving as the postmaster, was born in Liberty township, August 3, 1853, and is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families of this region. His father, Colonel

Samuel J. Williams, who laid down his life on the altar of his country during the period of the Civil war, was born in Virginia in 1831, and was the son of William Henry Williams, Sr., a well known and prominent figure in the early history of Delaware county, whither he removed in 1833 and established his home in Liberty township. Here he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, built him a log cabin and began the arduous labor of clearing and improving his land. Ere leaving his native state of Virginia he was there married to Celia (Young) Grafton, a widow with two children, and Samuel J. was the only child of the second marriage. Mr. Williams, Sr., was an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and his death occurred on his farm in Liberty township when but thirty-seven years of age.

Samuel J. Williams received his educational training in the district schools of Liberty township, and after attaining to years of maturity he was here married to Lurena Davis, by whom he had one child, Lurena Ellen, wife of M. L. Harris. After the death of the wife and mother Mr. Williams married Rebecca Shroyer, whose birth occurred in the Old Dominion state of Virginia, but she was reared and educated in Liberty township, and was the daughter of Bazel Shroyer, of Delaware county pioneer fame. Five children, three sons and two daughters, were born of the second marriage—William Henry, Parthena J., Mary E., Samuel J. and Cassius B., all of whom were born and reared in Liberty township. In July, 1861, Mr. Williams, the father, enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company K, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned a captain, but in 1862 he was promoted to the rank of colonel, and in 1864 he was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. He was formerly a Democrat in his political affiliations, but in 1856 he voted for Fremont on the Republican ticket and was a Republican ever after. His fraternal relations connected him with the Masonic and the Odd Fellows' orders. Throughout his business career he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and was also well known as a dealer in live stock throughout eastern Indiana. In early times he drove stock to Cincinnati. His varied interests won him success in the business world.

The schools of Selma gave to William Henry Williams the educational training which he enjoyed in his youth, continuing his studies therein until he started out in the world for himself, first working by the month, while later as a clerk he was employed in nearly every store in Selma. In 1876 he opened a brickyard in that city, continuing its operation until about 1880, when he resumed his former occupation as a clerk in a hardware store. After being thus employed for several years he entered the mail service on the Big Four Railroad, his run being between Cincinnati and Chicago, and after severing his connection therewith he returned to Selma and entered the employ of Joseph N. Orr, with whom he was associated in the capacity of clerk for thirteen years. In 1900 he became associated with his son in the drug business, later obtaining full possession of the store, and his is one

of the leading industries of its kind in the community. In 1904 he received his commission as the postmaster of Selma, and in January, 1905, entered upon the duties of this office. Mr. Williams is a Republican in his political affiliations, and from 1890 to 1895 and again from 1900 to 1904 he served as the trustee of Liberty township.

He was married March 12, 1872, to Joanna Fielder, who was born in Smithfield, Liberty township, the daughter of Hubbard and Rebecca (Simmons) Fielder. To Hubbard Fielder belongs the honor of having erected the first wagon shop in Smithfield, but he has since built him a home in Selma. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, two sons and four daughters—Myrtle C., William Henry, Samuel Claude, Ivy M., Joanna Fern and Pansy R., all of whom were born in Selma. Mr. Williams has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Red Men, the Sons of Veterans and with the Elks of Muncie. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**ALONZO R. LENON.** Alonzo R. Lenon, a well known representative of the farming and stock-raising interests of Liberty township, Delaware county, was born in Perry township, of this county, February 23, 1861, a son of Peter S. and Jane (Stanley) Lenon, natives respectively of Ohio and Randolph county, Indiana. During his early manhood the father emigrated to Indiana, first purchasing a farm in Liberty township, Delaware county, but shortly afterward sold his interests there and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Perry township. When his son Alonzo was but a babe of one year he came with his family to Liberty township and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, which continued as his home during the remainder of his life. He gave a lifelong support to the Democratic party, and was a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity.

Alonzo R. Lenon, the fifth in order of birth of his parents' six sons, four of whom are now deceased, received at the time of his father's death two hundred acres of the old home farm, to which he has since added a tract of sixty acres, making him a large and valuable estate. In 1904 he moved to his present homestead, containing ninety acres of land, and in addition he also owns one hundred and ten acres in another farm. In 1903 oil was discovered on his land, and he now has seven good producing wells.

Mr. Lenon married, in 1879, Emma Norris, who was born in Liberty township, a daughter of Jesse K. and Isabelle (Lake) Norris, prominent early settlers of this township. The father was a merchant in Selma for many years. Three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lenon—Isora May, Maude and Lena. Mr. Lenon gives his political support to the Republican party.

**ELI M. GOUGH.** One of the oldest and most honored families of Delaware county is that now worthily represented in Liberty township by Eli

M. Gough. They came to Indiana from West Virginia, the birthplace of William L. Gough, who for many years held a place among the leading business men and honored pioneers of Liberty township. He was a son of Hiram Gough, who spent his last years in West Virginia. William L. Gough came overland to Indiana when a young man, in about 1834, and established his home in Henry county, but a year or so later resumed the journey to Delaware county, where he entered a farm of eighty acres of timber land in Liberty township. His first work was the erection of the little cabin home, and as the years advanced he succeeded in clearing his land and placing it under an excellent state of cultivation. He married Lydia Morrical, who was born in southern Virginia, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Rutrouff) Morrical, both of German ancestry. The father lived to the age of ninety-one years. During her early girlhood days Mrs. Gough came with her parents from the southland to Henry county, Indiana, where she attained to mature years on a farm. Nine children were born of this union, six sons and three daughters, all of whom claimed Liberty township as the place of their nativity. Mr. Gough, the father, continued his residence on the farm which he had transformed from a wilderness to an attractive and valuable homestead, until his busy and useful life was ended in death, passing away at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations.

Eli M. Gough was born in Liberty township, January 18, 1846, and during his boyhood days he assisted his father in clearing and cultivating the farm, remaining on the old homestead until 1884. In that year he came to his present place, where with his brother he purchased one hundred and forty-seven acres of land. He has since added to the boundaries of his farm until it now contains two hundred and five acres of rich and fertile land. He has made all the valuable improvements it now contains and has cleared sixty-five acres of the place. The land is mostly under cultivation.

In 1871 Mr. Gough was united in marriage to Mary C. Holbert, whose birth occurred in Butler county, Ohio, but during her early childhood days she was brought by her parents to Delaware county, Indiana. She was the daughter of John and Mary Holbert, prominent pioneer residents of the county. Mr. Holbert served as the treasurer of Delaware county, as a trustee of Liberty township, and was a soldier in the war of the rebellion, serving in the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gough—Clara M., John O., Mary A. and Albert V., but the two eldest are now deceased, as is also the wife and mother, whose death occurred in 1893. In 1900 Mr. Gough married Mima Moore, a native daughter of Liberty township, where her father, Samuel Moore, a farmer and harnessmaker, established his home in a very early day in the county's history. In his political affiliations Mr. Gough casts an independent ballot, voting for the man rather than party principles. His long identification with the business interests of Liberty township has made him a well known figure in its industrial circles and he is highly esteemed wherever known.

CHARLES A. JUMP, M. D. Among the younger members of the Delaware county medical profession is Dr. Charles A. Jump, who has been a practitioner of Selma since entering the profession, and he has won a high place in the estimation of all who know him. He was born in Perry township, Delaware county, March 18, 1880, a son of S. V. Jump, whose genealogy appears elsewhere in this work. After completing his studies in the district schools of Perry township Charles A. became a student in the Muncie schools and completing the course there matriculated in Purdue University, where he also pursued a medical course. He next entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, in which he graduated in April, 1906, and in the same year he opened an office in Selma. He was thoroughly prepared to enter this important profession in every possible manner, and his practice is now large and remunerative, extending over the eastern half of the county.

In Selma on the 12th of January, 1907, Dr. Jump was united in marriage to Fyrne Hutchings, the daughter of J. L. Hutchings, of Selma, and one of the county's prominent and early residents. Dr. Jump is a member of the Delaware County Medical Society, of the Indiana State Association and of the American Medical Association. He is also a member of Delaware Lodge, F. & A. M.

S. GILBERT JUMP, M. D. Numbered among the medical practitioners of Delaware county is Dr. Jump, who is a native son of the county, born in New Burlington, Perry township, March 3, 1873, and he is a representative of one of its earliest and most prominent families. Attaining to years of maturity on his father's farm in Perry township, he received his elementary educational training in its district schools, and later was a student in the Muncie public schools for one year. At the close of that period he entered Purdue University, in which he graduated in the scientific course in 1897, and he then entered upon the study of his chosen profession in the Medical College of Indianapolis. Completing the course in that institution in 1900, he entered upon the practice of medicine and surgery in Selma in June of the same year, and has ever since enjoyed an extensive clientage. His practice extends throughout the eastern section of the county.

On the 6th of June, 1900, Dr. Jump was united in marriage to Fay L. Jackson, a daughter of J. B. and Elizabeth Jackson. She was reared and educated in Perry township, and also attended the Indiana State Normal and the Indiana University. This excellent training enabled her to enter the teacher's profession, and for eight years she taught in both Perry and Harrison townships. Their only child, a daughter, Marcia Blanch, is deceased. Dr. Jump is a member of the Selma Lodge of Red Men, the Odd Fellows, the Delaware Lodge of Masons and of Muncie Commandery, Knights Templar. He also holds membership relations with the Delaware County, State and National Medical Associations, is a Republican in his political affiliations, and is a member of the Pension Examining Board of

Delaware County. Dr. and Mrs. Jump reside in their pleasant home in Selma.

**ALBERT W. CLARK.** Albert W. Clark, superintendent of the Delaware County Infirmary, was born in Caroline county, Maryland, December 23, 1854, a son of Charles H. and Martha (Steel) Clark, natives respectively of Maryland and Delaware. Gideon Clark was, as far as known, a native of Maryland. He was a farmer in Caroline county, where he spent his last years. The maternal grandfather was Josiah Steel, who was, it is thought, a native of the state of Delaware and a lifelong resident there. Martha Steel was reared in Delaware, where her people were engaged in agricultural pursuits, and there she gave her hand in marriage to Charles H. Clark, they becoming the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom Albert was the eldest in order of birth. In 1872 the father came with his family to Delaware county, Indiana, first renting for a number of years a farm in Liberty township, but finally built a home in Selma and there lived a retired life during the remainder of his days. Throughout the period of his majority he supported the principles of the Republican party, and was a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity and the Methodist Episcopal church of Selma. His death occurred when he had reached the seventy-seventh milestone on the journey of life.

During the early part of his business career Albert W. Clark worked for others for five months, returning thence to his father's home and working with him until his marriage. During the following six years he farmed rented land, and at the close of the period purchased fifty acres of land in Liberty township, on which he made many substantial and valuable improvements, and continued its cultivation for three years. During the following seven years he was the owner and operator of a tile and saw mill, but this was burned in about 1888, and Mr. Clark thereafter conducted another mill in Selina for three years. Turning his attention again to agricultural pursuits, he was engaged in farming near Selina until he assumed the superintendency of the Delaware County Infirmary, his present position, in October, 1902. Since entering upon the duties of this important position he has instituted many substantial improvements and has won high encomiums for the excellent discharge of his duties.

On the 29th of February, 1876, Mr. Clark married Elenora Cecil, the daughter of George and Marrietta Cecil, honored early residents of Delaware county. George Cecil, who was born near Troy, Ohio, was a son of Calvin Cecil and his wife, Nancy (Gearheart) Cecil. Mrs. Cecil was born in Wayne county, and both died in Delaware county. Mrs. Clark was born and reared in Perry township, and by her marriage she has become the mother of two daughters, Myrtie May and Maude Cecil. The younger daughter is the wife of Ralph Cecil. Mr. Clark gives his political support to the Republican party and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS.** Prominent among the leading and successful farmers and business men of Liberty township is William H. Phillips, who is the owner of a fine estate of one hundred and fifty acres in section 5. He is also a stockholder in the Muncie Trust Company and in the Delaware County National Bank, and in the last named institution he is serving as a director. Mr. Phillips was born in Liberty township April 23, 1840, a son of Henry Phillips, who for many years was numbered among the township's foremost agriculturists and business men. He was born in Shenandoah county, West Virginia, in 1795, and there grew to manhood. Going to Ohio, he was married in Butler county to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Susanna Sweetman, and they became the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom were born in Liberty township.

Shortly before his marriage, in about 1836, Mr. Phillips came to Indiana and established his home in Liberty township, Delaware county, purchasing one hundred acres of land in the woods in section 7. He built him a little log cabin home there and succeeded in clearing ten acres of his land, when he sold the farm and purchased one hundred acres from Ely Babb. He again built him a little log cabin home, and with the passing years he succeeded in clearing his land and placing it under an excellent state of cultivation, while in time he added one hundred and eighty acres to its boundaries. From an old-line Whig he became a Republican in his political affiliations, and was a worthy and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred at the age of seventy-five years, and thus passed away one of the best known and most honored pioneers of Delaware county, one who had assisted in the transformation of its wild land to its present high state of cultivation. His memory went back to the time when there was but one house between his homestead and Muncie.

William H. Phillips obtained his educational training in the old-time log school houses of Liberty township, and during his boyhood days he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. At the age of twenty-one years he became a student in the Engleside Institute of Butler county, Ohio, where he fitted himself for the teachers' profession, and from 1861 until 1870 he taught in the schools of Liberty township. Returning then to the old homestead, his father having died in the meantime, he remained there and carried on the work of the farm until his marriage and his removal to his present home. Mr. Phillips married, December 23, 1870, Mahala F. Keesling, a daughter of Martin and Cora Keesling, prominent and well known residents of Delaware county. Five children, two sons and three daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips: Edgar E., Leora M., Florence G., Harry H. and Nellie, all born on the homestead farm. The Republican party receives Mr. Phillips' active support and coöperation, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM H. MURRAY, a valiant soldier of the Civil war and an honored citizen of Delaware county, was born in Henry county, Indiana, January 11, 1841. His father, Cornelius B. Murray, who was numbered among the honored early pioneers of Henry county, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but when a boy he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, and later came with them to Wayne county, Indiana, which continued as the family home until their removal to Henry county. In Randolph county, of this state, he was married to Lucinda Burroughs, a daughter of John and Martha Burroughs, farming people. With his father and brothers Cornelius B. Murray entered a section of land in Henry county, north of Blountsville, and the family became one of prominence in that community. Ten children, seven sons and three daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Murray, all of whom were reared in Henry county.

In 1861 four of the sons, including William H., enlisted for service in the Civil war, the latter and a brother, Albert P., entering the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company K, while his two other brothers were members of the Thirty-sixth Infantry. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run and was wounded at the battle of South Mountain, Maryland, which incapacitated him for duty for some time, but recovering he took part in the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Just after this, however, he was placed on detached duty in the quartermaster's department on account of wounds, but like a true soldier he shouldered a borrowed musket and voluntarily rejoined his regiment, participating with them in the battle of Gettysburg. For meritorious conduct he was there promoted to the rank of a second lieutenant. At the battle of the Wilderness Mr. Murray was again wounded in the right leg, permanently disabling that member. This was on the 5th of May, 1864, and he returned home on a sixty days' furlough, and at its expiration he was granted an extension of time. Again returning to the front he was present at the siege of Petersburg, Virginia, but was finally discharged for disability occasioned by a gunshot wound on the 14th of September, 1864, and returned to his home in Indiana. During a number of years thereafter Mr. Murray supplemented school teaching with the work of the farm until he finally opened a store in Selma in 1870. Later he was elected trustee of Liberty township, and in 1878 was elected auditor of Delaware county, while to him also belongs the honor of being the president of the county council since its organization in 1899. He gives an active support to the Republican party.

On the 16th of February, 1865, Mr. Murray was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Orr, who was born October 13, 1844, a daughter of Hon. James Orr, a wealthy farmer of Delaware county and a former state

Arthur, who is at the head of the English department in the Muncie high school; Edna K., the wife of H. R. Koerner, of Muncie; and Robert F., a lawyer of that city. All of the children were born in Delaware county, and the youngest, Robert F., was born on the present home farm, August 1, 1884. In 1884 Mr. Murray located on his present homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Liberty township. In 1904 oil was discovered on the farm, and he now has five good producing wells, making it one of the valuable tracts of the township. He holds pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the blue by his membership in Williams Post, No. 78, G. A. R., of Muncie.

**ALBERT H. GOUGH.** For many years Albert H. Gough has been prominently connected with the farming and stock-raising interests of Liberty township, and within the borders of this township his birth occurred on the 1st of March, 1848. The name of his father, William L. Gough, is enrolled high among the early and honored pioneers of Delaware county, and his history appears on other pages. The son Albert attained to mature years on the old family homestead in Liberty township, which he assisted in clearing and cultivating during his boyhood days, and his education was received in the old-time log school houses of the neighborhood. After his marriage and in company with his brother he purchased the land which now forms his present homestead, consisting of one hundred and twenty-two acres of rich and well cultivated land. He cleared a part of his land, and the many improvements thereon stand as monuments to his industry and business ability.

The marriage of Mr. Gough was celebrated in 1869, when Emily, the daughter of John and Mary Holbert, prominent early residents of Delaware county, became his wife. She was born in Smithfield, Liberty township, and two children, Octavia and Harlos W., have blessed their union. In political matters Mr. Gough casts his vote for the man whom he regards as best qualified for office, irrespective of party ties, and his fraternal relations are with the Red Men.

**JAMES HOLLIDAY BAUGHN** is one of the best known business men of Liberty township and has been a lifelong resident of the community, residing now on his valuable estate in Liberty township. He was born within its borders December 20, 1846, a son of John William Baughn, a deceased farmer and one of the honored early residents of Delaware county. He was born in Virginia, but when a young man he journeyed with his parents to Ohio and was reared and educated in Fayette county, of that state. He was there married to Margaret Life, and in 1836 the family made the overland journey to Indiana and established their home in Liberty township, Delaware county, where Mr. Baughn purchased a farm of two hundred acres of wood land. He at once began the hard and laborious work of clearing and cultivating his land, but he was successful in his efforts

and in time became the owner of a valuable estate, on which he spent the remainder of his life and died at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He was a lifelong Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Thirteen children were born to Mr. Baughn by his first marriage to Margaret Life, but the wife and mother died in 1849, and in 1850 Mr. Baughn married Rebecca Jones, a native of West Virginia but reared in Indiana, and their ten children were all born in Liberty township.

James H. Baughn helped to clear the old farm homestead in Liberty township during his boyhood days, and he remained there until his marriage. On the 18th of February, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company K, in which he served until the close of the conflict, and in the interim participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the war, including those of the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, the siege of Petersburg, the battles of Hatcher's Run and Farmersville, and was present at the surrender of Lee. His military career is one of which he has every reason to be proud, and after his muster out on the 12th of July, 1865, he resumed his agricultural labors on the old homestead. In 1869 he came to his present estate of sixty-two acres in Liberty township, which he cleared and placed under cultivation, and in 1904 oil was discovered here. He now has eight producing wells on the farm, making it a very valuable tract.

On the 7th of March, 1869, Mr. Baughn was united in marriage to Martha E. Davis, whose birth occurred in Ross county, Ohio, but she attained to mature years in Indiana. She is the daughter of John J. and Sarah Davis, prominent early residents of Liberty township and now residing near Selma. Three children, one son and two daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baughn, but two died in infancy and John H. is the only surviving child. Mr. Baughn casts his ballot with the Republican party, and is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ELIJAH C. GOFF. The prominent business men and agriculturists of Liberty township include among their number Elijah C. Goff, who is the owner of a valuable estate of eighty acres, on which is located the third gas well discovered in the county. He is a native son of Virginia, born near Grafton September 30, 1822, a son of John Shelburn and Anna Goff, both of whom were also natives of the Old Dominion state. In their family were twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, but all are now deceased with the exception of Elijah, who was the youngest in order of birth. When he was but eight years of age the family made the overland journey to Missouri, which continued as their home until 1833, when the father came to Delaware county, Indiana, and established his abode in Liberty township, the family joining him six months later. They entered a farm of forty acres of wild and unimproved land and later purchased one hundred and twenty acres, the father continuing the laborious work of

clearing and cultivating his land until his life's labors were ended in death, dying at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He affiliated with the Democratic party, and was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Elijah C. Goff obtained his educational training in the district schools of Liberty township, and at the time of his father's death he came into possession of eighty acres of the old homestead, of which he cleared about fifty acres. He has a valuable and well cultivated estate, and is numbered among the leading farmers and stock raisers of Liberty township.

In Liberty township Mr. Goff was united in marriage to Evelyn A. Sparr, who was born March 13, 1809, and was reared in Virginia, the daughter of John and Mary Sparr, long numbered among the prominent residents of Liberty township. Mr. Goff's fraternal relations connect him with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been a member since 1864. He also has membership relations with the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Goff died September 18, 1906.

MADISON M. MOODY. Many years have been added to the cycle of time since the Moody family was founded in Delaware county, and no better citizens than they have been numbered among the residents of this portion of Indiana. They came from the Old Dominion state of Virginia, the birthplace of Madison M. Moody, whose natal day was the 1st of November, 1828, and he was born in Giles county. His father, John Moody, long numbered among the prominent agriculturists of Liberty township, was born in Bedford county, Virginia, in 1779. He was there married to Elizabeth Guthrie, of Scotch descent and a native also of Virginia, born in 1787, and they became the parents of thirteen children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Madison M., the twelfth child in order of birth. The father had been previously married, and by that union had one son. In 1836 Mr. Moody, Sr., made the overland journey to Delaware county, Indiana, where he entered about five hundred acres of land in the woods of Liberty township, the present home of his son Madison. He erected a little log cabin and began at once the arduous task of clearing his land, and with the passing years he succeeded in clearing about seventy-five acres. He was an excellent business man and a true and worthy citizen, and Delaware county numbered him among her honored early pioneers.

In 1837 Madison M. Moody came with the remainder of the family to Delaware county, Indiana, and resided on the old homestead until 1852, when he joined a company bound for the Golden state of California, making the journey on horseback. He remained on the Pacific slope until 1860, thence making the return journey and residing on the old homestead until 1867, when he assumed the superintendency of the county farm and continued in that position for three years and a half. He then resided in Muncie, but later resumed his old position of superintendent of the county farm, and for nine years longer he continued to discharge its duties,

returning at the close of that period to the old Moody homestead. Here he has ever since lived and labored, operating two hundred and fifteen acres of rich and fertile land, of which he has cleared about sixty acres. This is one of the most valuable homesteads in Liberty township, located on section 32, and in addition to its cultivation and improvement Mr. Moody has also been interested in many of the projects that have advanced the welfare of his township and county.

He married, in 1865, Sarah Baird, who was born and reared on a farm in Jay county, Indiana, and two sons, Milton G. and Robert A., have been born to them. Mr. Moody upholds the principles of the Republican party, and during one term he represented his party in the office of assessor of Delaware county. He is the oldest member of Selma Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is a valued member and a trustee in the Methodist Episcopal church.

**JOSIAH P. BARTLETT.** Among the first families to establish their home within the wilds of Delaware county were the Bartletts, and to John Bartlett, the great-grandfather of Josiah, belongs the honor of being the progenitor. With his wife Sarah and their four sons they made the overland journey from their native state of Virginia to Indiana and inscribed their names high on the roll of the honored early pioneers of Delaware county. En route they stopped for a short time at Marion, Indiana, and arriving in Delaware township John Bartlett bought sixty acres of his son William, which he had entered, on which he erected a little log cabin home and began life in true pioneer style. He ended his days on the old home farm which he had cleared and cultivated, and his name should ever be honored and revered for the part he took in paving the way for future development in Delaware county. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party.

Among the four sons who accompanied John and Sarah Bartlett on the overland journey from Virginia to Indiana was numbered Elijah Bartlett, who was born in the Old Dominion state and reared to mature years on the old homestead farm in Delaware county, Indiana, receiving his educational training in its old-time log school houses. In Delaware township he was married to Mary Mann, a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom two are now deceased. Elijah Bartlett cleared and developed a farm in Delaware township, and he, too, gave his political support to the Democratic party. He held membership relations with the Grange and with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Of the eleven children born to Elijah and Mary Bartlett, Warner J. Bartlett, a deceased farmer of Delaware and Liberty townships, was the

eight acres in Liberty township, which he cleared and improved. He won for himself an enviable reputation as a promoter of good roads, having built two miles of pike road and also built a ditch one and a half miles long. On the 6th of February, 1868, Mr. Bartlett married Susan C. Whitehair, who was born in Virginia March 22, 1849, a daughter of Josiah and Lucretia Whitehair, also of Delaware county pioneer fame. Mrs. Bartlett was reared in Liberty township, and by her marriage became the mother of five children, two sons and three daughters: Josiah P., Sarah Anderson, Mary L. Zehner, Nettie L., and one who died in infancy. Mr. Bartlett was an active worker in local politics, voting with the Democracy, and he was a member of the Grange and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Josiah P. Bartlett was born in Delaware township December 5, 1868, and was twenty-one years of age when he left home and entered the railway service as a telegraph operator, which he had learned at Selma. He continued in that capacity for about seven years, and in 1899 became identified with the Buckeye Pipe Line Company as an operator, from which he was transferred to the position of an engineer. He later severed his relations with that corporation to enter the services of the Indiana Pipe Line Company, and is now serving as their gauger in Selma.

Mr. Bartlett married, April 19, 1893, in Albany, Indiana, Lizzie G. Barger, who was born in Randolph county, this state, a daughter of Napoleon B. Barger, a deceased farmer. She was but six years of age when she came with her parents to Delaware township, and in its public schools she received her educational training. Her grandparents were numbered among the prominent and early settlers of Randolph county. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett built their pleasant and attractive home in Selma in 1905, and there they extend a gracious and warm-hearted hospitality to their many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Bartlett upholds the principles of the Democracy where national issues are involved, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM BAILEY, the squire of Selma and a native son of Henry county, Indiana, born April 16, 1847, has long been identified with the business interests of this city. His father was a carpenter and cooper in Henry county, but was born in Ohio, from whence he journeyed when a young man with his father, Elias Bailey, to Indiana, and established their home in Granville, Delaware county. The senior Mr. Bailey was also a cooper by trade, and he continued the occupation until his life's labors were ended in death. After remaining in Delaware county a short time the son removed to Henry county, and was there married to Sarah Ann Davis, who was also an Ohioan. She was left an orphan in early life and went with her adopted parents to Henry county, where she was reared to mature years, and there her two children, William and James, were born. She was called to the home beyond when but twenty-two years of age, and afterward, in Muncie, Mr. Bailey married Emma Sutton, a native daughter of

Delaware county, by whom he had seven children, one son and six daughters.

Mr. Bailey continued his work as a cooper and carpenter until 1865, when he opened a sawmill in Blountsville and continued its operation for three years. During the following five years he was the proprietor of a mill in Perry township, and from there he removed to Desoto and continued his milling interests until his life's labors were ended in death. He was first a Democrat but later supported the principles of the Republican party and cast his vote for its first presidential nominee, Fremont. His fraternal relations connected him with the Odd Fellows order, and he was a member of the New Light Christian church. His death occurred at the age of seventy-two years.

William Bailey was working in his father's cooper shop in Parker, Randolph county, when the Civil war was inaugurated, and in 1863 he offered his services to his country, enlisting in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company B, with which he served until the close of the conflict. During that time he participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the war, including the Atlanta campaign where he was under fire from the 7th of May until the 7th of September, was in Hood's invasion, and was in the engagements at Nashville, Columbia, Franklin, Tennessee; Wise's Fork, North Carolina; on the Neuce river, and many smaller skirmishes. He was wounded at Columbia, Tennessee, by the concussion of a shell and was rendered unconscious for about five hours and was nearly buried alive while in that condition. He suffered throughout the entire period of his enlistment the hardships and privations of a true soldier. During his absence in the army his father had moved to Blountsville, and after his return Mr. Bailey joined him there and for six years as partners conducted a sawmill. In 1871 he severed the partnership and moved with his family to Delaware county, where for nine years he was the proprietor of a sawmill in Perry township, and during the following four years was engaged in the same occupation in Selma. In 1884 he opened a grocery store in this city, which he conducted in connection with his sawmill for three years, but at the close of that period, in 1887, he closed his milling interests and devoted his entire attention to his grocery store until 1894. In the meantime, in 1890, Mr. Bailey had opened a hotel in Selma, and he continued as its proprietor until 1897, when he severed his relations with that occupation to enter upon his four years' term as the postmaster of Selma.

On the 8th of August, 1869, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Margaret Bowman, who was born in Delaware county, but reared in Henry county, the daughter of John S. and Elizabeth Bowman, who followed agricultural pursuits in both counties. The father came to Indiana from the

Etta (deceased), Lucy and Elsie. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Bailey has supported the principles of the Republican party, and as its representative he has been honored with many of the leading offices of the township. During seven years he served as the justice of the peace of Perry township, for a number of years held the same office in Selma, was for six years the deputy prosecutor, and was a deputy treasurer both in Perry and Liberty townships. He has been an active worker in politics. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1868, having filled all the offices in the subordinate lodge and encampment and represented both branches of the order at the Grand Lodge several times. He is also a member of Williams Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Muncie, Indiana, and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANCIS HITCHCOCK, prominently identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Liberty township, is a well known citizen of the community and a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county. His birth occurred on the 15th of July, 1826, in Harrison county, West Virginia. His father, Lucius S. Hitchcock, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, but when about twenty-two years of age he left the place of his nativity and journeyed to West Virginia, where he was married to Sarah Markwell, a native daughter of that commonwealth, and they became the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, of whom Francis was the fourth child and fourth son in order of birth. Mr. Hitchcock, the father, had learned and followed the tanners' trade in West Virginia until his removal to Ohio, where he followed farming in Clinton county. In the early year of 1848 he came to Indiana with a part of his family and located in Delaware township, Delaware county, here purchasing a farm of eighty acres. Erecting a little log cabin home, he succeeded with the passing years in clearing his land from its heavy growth of timber and placing his fields under an excellent state of cultivation. He gave a life-long support to the principles of the Republican party, and the death of this well known Delaware county pioneer occurred when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Francis Hitchcock was taken by his parents to Ohio during the early years of his life, there receiving his educational training, and in 1852 he joined the family in Delaware county, Indiana. Purchasing him a farm of eighty acres in Liberty township, he succeeded in clearing a part of the place and resided there for six years, when he traded with Henry Hamilton for his present homestead. The farm contains one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and fertile land, nearly all of which he has cleared and placed under cultivation, and in addition he has bought and sold other lands in the county. He has many business interests, but he is devoting himself principally to farming and stock raising on his valuable homestead in section 4.

Mr. Hitchcock married, in 1857, Eliza Campbell, whose birth occurred

in Delaware county, her father, Samuel G. Campbell, having been numbered among the earliest of its pioneers. This union has been blessed by the birth of one daughter, Mary C., the wife of Samuel S. Williams, a farmer of Liberty township. Mr. Hitchcock is an impartial voter, supporting the men rather than party principles. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church.

SAMUEL GRAHAM CAMPBELL was a pioneer settler of Delaware county, having migrated from Virginia to this part of Indiana in 1831. A Yankee schoolmaster turned farmer, sagacious and forceful, he did yeoman's service in the work of reclaiming the wilderness and upbuilding the state. He died at his home in Selma on March 4, 1873, in his seventy-sixth year. He was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire, October 30, 1797, a son of Isaac and Hannah (Moore) Campbell, being one of a large family of children. He was of the so-called Scotch-Irish race, sprung from Scotch ancestors, whose home for a generation or two before coming to America in the eighteenth century was in the north of Ireland.

Whether Isaac Campbell was an immigrant or the son of an immigrant is not known to the present writer. As shown by records on file in Washington, D. C., he was a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting in Capt. William Gates' company, United States Artillery, April 15, 1812, for a period of five years. His wife, Hannah, had died about four years previous to that date. She was a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Campbell) Moore, her father being a son of Hugh Moore and his wife Jannet Morrison. Her mother was a daughter of Samuel Campbell, who came from Ireland in boyhood with his parents, Henry and Martha (Black) Campbell, in 1733, and settled in Windham, New Hampshire, then a part of Londonderry. This Samuel Campbell married Mary Jameson, and was a man of prominence in Windham, being one of its first teachers, and an elder of the church; he is also on record as town clerk, selectman, member of important committees, and as a soldier of the Revolution, although at an age when he would seem to have been legally exempt from military duty. His daughter Sarah, long surviving her first husband, Robert Moore, whose sudden death was caused by accident in a wrestling bout, became in 1777 the wife of John McConihe, a thriving farmer of Merrimac, New Hampshire. Isaac McConihe, one of the two sons born of this union, half brother of Hannah Moore, wife of Isaac Campbell, was a Dartmouth College graduate, eminent as a lawyer and judge, residing in Troy, New York, where many of his descendants remain, while other representatives of the family are living in Princeton, Illinois.

cessive terms of school in Botetourt, Montgomery and Giles counties, Virginia. In the latter county, at the age of thirty-two, December 1, 1829, he married Elizabeth Going, and in 1831 with his wife and first-born child came to Indiana, making the journey in a two-horse wagon and bringing all their movables. Arriving in Delaware county, Mr. Campbell rented a log cabin and a patch of cleared land for a temporary home. The next year he bought in section 16, Liberty township, a tract of school land covered with a heavy growth of timber, chiefly oak, hickory and walnut. Here he built a log house, which was occupied by the family a number of years, and was the birthplace of eight children, all but the eldest child. The good wife, being a true helpmate in frontier farming, as ready to milk the cows as to make the butter, toil and shrift indoors and out, bore their usual fruit. In process of time the greater part of the land was cleared, a frame barn was built, and the log house replaced by a larger one of brick. At the time of Mr. Campbell's death, March 4, 1873, he was the owner of two hundred and ten acres of land, most of which was well improved.

A Whig in his early manhood, Mr. Campbell was a Republican from the formation of that party. He served several years as justice of the peace and as a member of the school board, and was recognized as a leader in the community in which he lived.

Mr. Campbell's wife, Elizabeth Going, died February 21, 1882. She was born in Giles county, Virginia, March 29, 1804, a daughter of David and Susanna (Williams) Going, both, so far as known, natives of Virginia. Several of her brothers and sisters settled in Indiana, and here after her father's death her mother's last years were passed.

Of the nine children born to Samuel G. and Elizabeth Campbell, seven lived to adult age, namely: George, born September 22, 1830; Eliza, March 22, 1834; Martha Jane, May 11, 1835; William Harrison, June 9, 1838; James Madison, March 16, 1840; Mary, June 2, 1842; and Samuel G., April 30, 1844. Sarah, born November 12, 1832, died May 14, 1844, and Elizabeth, born June 27, 1846, died at the age of three years. These children were educated mostly in the public schools of Selma or Muncie, or both. Mary, who was a lifelong invalid and tenderly cherished, was fond of books and writing, and continued her studies at home, often busying herself with her pen. She died October 29, 1874.

George Campbell, the eldest son, like his father, began active life as a teacher, his example in this line being followed by his younger brothers. During the Civil war he served three years as a member of Company D, Eighty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, being honorably discharged at the close of his term of enlistment, early in 1865. From that time until his death he made his home in Harrison township, being engaged in carpentering and farming. He married Sarah Amanda Snyder, a native of Virginia, and had seven children, namely: Edward E., Charles S., Marietta, George W., Samuel S., Eliza and Annie E.

William Harrison Campbell, the second son, taught winter schools

and the rest of the year engaged in farming from the time he was twenty-one until his enlistment, July 19, 1861, in Company K, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He was mustered into service as orderly sergeant, was promoted to rank of second lieutenant, afterwards being commissioned first lieutenant of his company. With his comrades he took part in the battles of second Bull Run, Gainesville, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, where he was wounded in his right hand. On October 27, 1863, on account of physical disability he was honorably discharged and came home to recuperate. After his recovery he visited New England, spending some months among his kinsfolk. After that he worked at farming on the parental acres in Selma until February, 1865, when he went to Newton, Iowa, where for a few months he was clerk in a dry goods store. The following three years he was engaged in the dry goods business at Anderson, Indiana, and since that time, with the exception of a part of two years spent in South Dakota, he has occupied the old homestead and carried on the farm. He married in March, 1876, Nancy Clyne, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wilcox) Clyne, of Perry township, and they have three children—Thomas Clyne, Harriet and Mary. He has always been a Republican in politics and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln. Fraternally he is a member of S. J. Williams Post, G. A. R.

James Madison Campbell in his youth and early manhood alternated teaching with farming and carpentering. Younger than William Harrison, he enlisted at the same time and in the same company and fought in the battles above enumerated, also at Mine Run and in several engagements in front of Richmond, his only wound being received from a speeding bullet which knocked off a thumbnail. During a part of his term of service he was on detached duty in the engineer corps. After his honorable discharge at the end of his term of enlistment he resumed farming in Liberty township, and the following year, accompanied by his father, visited relatives in New England. Going to South Dakota in 1880, he was one of the first settlers of Aurora county. Plankinton, where he secured a tract of Government land, became the county seat, and when the county was organized he was appointed county treasurer, the office being confirmed to him at the first election. In 1884 he returned to Liberty township, his former home. Here he died April 23, 1891, survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Walling, and four children—Annie W., Grace, Ethelyn and Albert Porter. His widow, who was born in Muncie, Indiana, a daughter of William and Mary (Hamilton) Walling, died August 17, 1891.

Samuel G. Campbell grew to manhood on the home farm and for several years followed farming in Delaware county. He then removed to Blackford county, where he bought a farm and carried it on for a number of years. He now resides in Muncie. His wife, Louisa Keefer, daughter of George Keefer, was born in Randolph county. Five children have been born to them, namely: George, Merle, Frank, Clyde and Chester.

SAMUEL V. JUMP, M. D. Perhaps no person who ever lived in Delaware county was more closely associated with its early history or more prominently identified with the more recent prosperity of the community than Samuel V. Jump. He was born in Kent county, Delaware, June 22, 1822. His father, Isaac Jump, was a good and pious man, a minister of the Methodist church, and his death occurred in 1832. In the following year his widow, with her daughter Elizabeth and sons Samuel and Raymond, moved to Indiana and purchased a farm near Richmond. The eldest son, Charles, had married and settled in Wayne county one year previously, and a daughter, who had also married, took leave of her mother's family after accompanying them as far as Ohio, in which state she located with her husband.

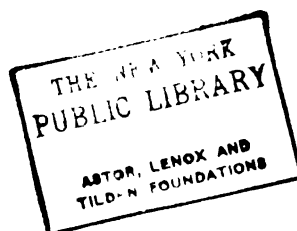
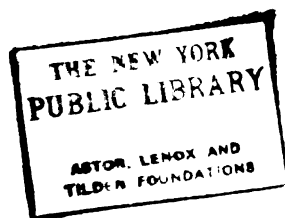
The removal of the family to Indiana was probably due to the request of Dr. Jump, who had thus early formed a favorable impression of the resources of the Hoosier state and was intent on the move either with or without his relatives. He worked at home during the summers and attended the district schools during the winter months, and on reaching his sixteenth year he went to Franklin county, Indiana, and worked in a stone quarry. While thus employed the lad saved his earnings and was thus able to attend school at Richmond, taught by James N. Poe, for about two years, when he began alternating teaching with his attendance. He was a student in the Friends' school at Richmond, taught by Barnabas C. Hobbs, for two terms, teaching during the winters, and after completing the course in that school he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. John Pritchett, of Centerville, Indiana. He pursued his studies under the guidance of this able preceptor until October, 1847, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended a course of lectures at a medical college. In 1848 Dr. Jump located in New Burlington, Delaware county, where he very quickly built up a successful practice, which increased in both volume and importance as the years added to his experience and popularity. In 1858 he left his practice in the care of a competent physician and attended a second course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College, graduating at the end of the course and returning thence to New Burlington and resuming his practice.

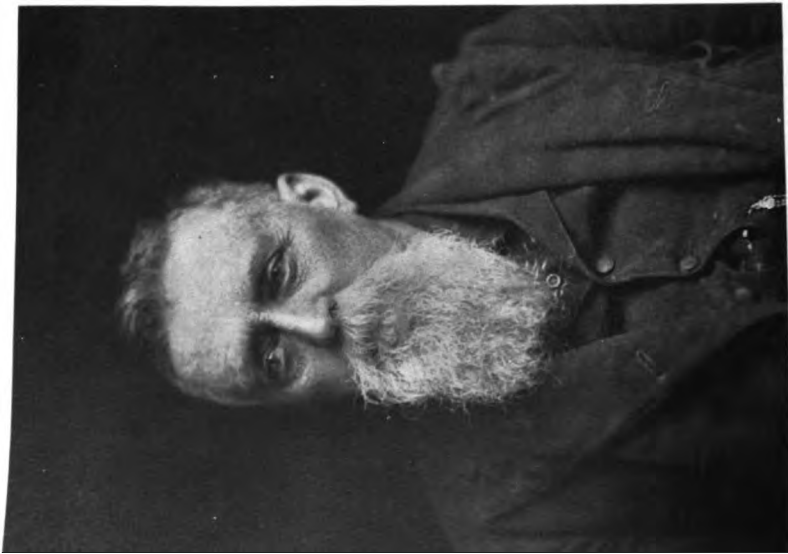
In July of 1848 Dr. Jump married Miss Letitia K. Allen in Wayne county, Indiana, but his wife died in 1856, after becoming the mother of two children: Isabell, also deceased, and Elizabeth, the wife of John Gates, of Delaware county. For his second wife the Doctor married Miss Rebecca Cecil in December, 1858, a daughter of Aaron Cecil, and their four children

were Anna, Emma, Francis and Agnes. The wife and mother died in 1870, and in 1871 he married Miss Sophia Gilbert, the daughter of O. J. Gilbert, of Mt. Pleasant township. The four children by this union are Gilbert, Julia W., Clara V. and Charles A. To Dr. Jump belonged the honor of being one of the first residents of Perry township. He was highly regarded throughout the county of Delaware as one of its most honorable citizens and is cherished for the many sterling qualities and kindly disposition which he ever manifested. In 1869 he was elected to represent this district in the state legislature, and with the exception of this and the postmaster-ship of New Burlington, he held no public positions. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of Whitney Lodge, No. 229, F. & A. M., of New Burlington, also of the chapter, council and commandery of the order at Muncie. His death occurred on the 13th of August, 1887.

GEORGE H. THORNBURG. Perry township includes among her native sons George H. Thornburg, who has not only spent his entire life here but has also been prominently identified with its farming and stock-raising interests. His birth occurred on the farm on which he now resides, April 13, 1859. His father, Edward W. Thornburg, whose name is recorded among the honored pioneers of Perry township, was born in North Carolina, but during his youth his father and family moved from that state to Ohio and thence to Indiana, locating in Randolph county, where the son Edward grew to years of maturity and received his educational training. He was there married to Susana Thornburg, and they became the parents of thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters, all of whom were born on the present Thornburg homestead. Mr. Thornburg came to Delaware county among its first settlers, and on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres he entered in Perry township he erected a little log cabin and began the difficult task of clearing and preparing his land for cultivation. He became well known throughout the county, esteemed alike for his ability and his true worth of character. The Republican party received his political support, and he was a member of the Christian church. He was reared a Quaker, but as he married out of the church he was debarred thereafter from participation in its affairs. His death occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

The district schools of Perry township afforded George H. Thornburg the educational training he was permitted to enjoy in his youth. On the 18th of November, 1878, he married Celia A. Brewer, who also claims Perry township as the place of her nativity, where her father, Reuben Brewer, came in a very early day in its history from Ohio. He became well known as an agriculturist. Two children, a son and a daughter, have been born of this union, Ruby D., the wife of Francis O. Ratliff, and William A., both born on the farm which was also the birthplace of their father. Mr. Thornburg has allied his political interests with the Republican party, and has taken an active part in the public affairs of his com-





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munity. In 1894 he was elected the trustee of Perry township, remaining as the incumbent of that position for five years, and he was again elected to the office in 1904. His fraternal relations connect him with the Masonic and the Red Men orders, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

JOHN N. BELL, M. D., whose name occupies a leading place among the physicians and surgeons of Delaware county, is prominently engaged in the practice of his profession in New Burlington. His birth occurred in West Virginia, in Monongahela county, April 21, 1858, and he is a son of Henry and Louisa (Swisher) Bell, farming people of that community. The early youth of the Doctor was spent on a farm in his native commonwealth, and when he had reached the age of sixteen years he began teaching in the district schools, continuing in that profession for ten years. When he had reached the age of twenty-six years, in 1884, he entered the Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, where he pursued his studies for two years, and then matriculated in the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, in which he was graduated on the 7th of March, 1888. It was in the same year of his graduation that he sought a field for his activities in Delaware county, Indiana, and since that time he has been numbered among the prominent practitioners of medicine and surgery in New Burlington.

Dr. Bell married, November 28, 1888, Carrie L. Will, who was born and grew to years of maturity in Perry township, her parents being John and Mary Will. Of their two daughters, Letha and Mary, the younger is deceased, and both were born in New Burlington, where the family reside in the home which was built in 1896. Dr. Bell is a member of the Masonic order, Whitney Lodge, No. 229, and of the Red Men at Muncie. He also holds membership relations with the Delaware County and the State Medical Associations, the Eighth District Medical Association, and is one of the deputy health officers of Delaware county. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Republican in his political affiliations.

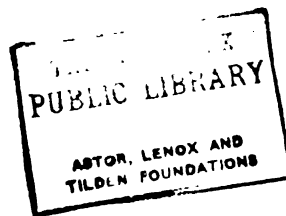
GEORGE W. KEESLING, a well-known representative of the agricultural and stock-raising interests of Perry township, has through the careful conduct of his business interests become one of the largest land owners of Delaware county. His homestead farm in Perry township consists of five hundred and fifty-five acres of rich and fertile land, while in addition he owns two hundred acres in Jasper county, Indiana, and two hundred and seventy acres in Pennsylvania. Nearly all of his land is under cultivation, and he has sold about seven thousand dollars' worth of timber in Perry township. He has also cleared and improved other farms, and is a stockholder in the People's Bank of Muncie.

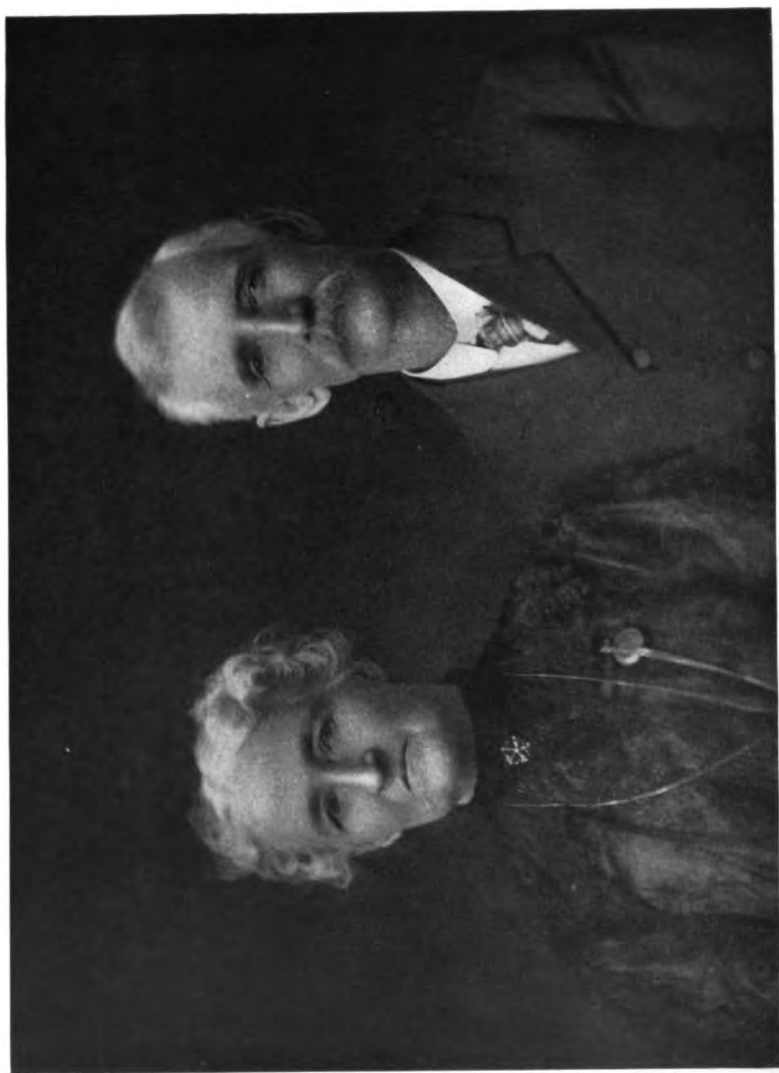
Mr. Keesling was born in Perry township November 15, 1844, and here his father, Martin Keesling, had lived and labored for many years. He was born in Virginia, in 1802, but when a young man he left his native

commonwealth, where he had followed agricultural pursuits, and made the overland journey to Indiana. On arriving in Delaware county he purchased two hundred and ten acres of timber land in Perry township, on which he erected a little log cabin home and began the arduous task of clearing and cultivating his land. He married Coracy Rees, a daughter of Lewis Rees, also of Delaware county pioneer fame, and they became the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom were born and reared in Perry township. Mr. Keesling's name is enrolled among the earliest pioneers of Delaware county, and during his later life he removed from Perry to Center township, where he spent his remaining days. He was a lifelong Republican and was well and favorably known throughout the county in which so many years of his life were spent.

George W. Keesling, the seventh in order of birth of his parents' ten children, was born on the homestead farm in Perry township November 15, 1844. In 1863, when but a lad of nineteen years, he offered his services to his country's cause in the Civil war, enlisting in the Ninth Indiana Cavalry, Company G, in which he served for over two years, and was present at the capture of Franklin, Tennessee. He was mustered out of service in Mississippi in 1865 and returned to his old home in Perry township, and in 1871 he removed to his present homestead in Perry township, section 3. In 1867, about two years after his return from the army, Mr. Keesling was united in marriage to Cora J. Cunningham, the daughter of Joseph Boyd and Margaret (Farmer) Cunningham, who came to Delaware county in 1855. Mrs. Keesling was born in Harford county, Maryland, and was young when her parents moved to Virginia, where she was reared and received her educational training, and to her and her husband have been born seven children, two sons and five daughters, all of whom claim Perry township as the place of their nativity. They are Ella May, Ida Maude, Laura Belle, George Boyd, Homer, Clara and Hilda. Ella May died in infancy. Ida Maude is the wife of William Thornburg. Laura Belle married William Jordan. George B. died at the age of twenty-one years. He was a most promising young man, and his death was mourned by a large circle of friends. Mr. Keesling maintains pleasant relations with his army comrades by his membership in the Grand Army post at Muncie, and in political matters he gives his support and coöperation to the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM A. JORDAN. Since the early days of Delaware county's history William A. Jordan has occupied a distinctive place in its annals, and for many years he has been numbered among the prominent agriculturists of Perry township. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, November 9, 1826. His father, William Jordan, who was for many years a prominent





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family to Indiana, establishing their home in Wayne county, where the senior Mr. Jordan entered land and cleared a farm near Boston. Seven years later they removed to another farm near Economy, in the same county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. William Jordan returned to Pennsylvania and married Mary McClellan, who was born in Ireland, but when about seven years of age she came with her parents to America, spending eight weeks on the ocean en route, and on their arrival on American shores they established their home in Pennsylvania. There she was left by her father with a family named Blair from their own country, by whom she was reared. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, six sons and five daughters, but the son William is now the sole survivor of the family. The father was a Whig in his political affiliations, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred on his home farm near Economy when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years, and his wife was ninety ere she was called to the home beyond.

The district schools of Wayne county afforded William A. Jordan his educational training, and on the 3d of March, 1847, in Wayne county, he married America Davidson, a native daughter of Henry county, Indiana. Of their thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters, all were born in Perry township, and four are now deceased. The wife and mother has also answered the call to the home beyond, dying on the 14th of October, 1872, and in the following year, on the 11th of October, Mr. Jordan married Minerva Finch, who was born in Randolph county, Indiana. In 1847, immediately after his marriage, Mr. Jordan came to Delaware county, establishing his home on a farm in section 23, Perry township. With the aid of his sons he cleared the most of his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, but leaving that place, he removed to another farm, of forty acres, in Perry township, which he also cleared and improved. It was in the year of 1869 that he came to the farm on which he now resides, consisting of one hundred and eighty acres, about half of which he has cleared, and he has placed thereon the many valuable and substantial improvements which it now contains. He is also a stockholder in the People's Bank of Muncie. He was formerly a Whig politically, and joining the Republican party at its organization, has voted at every presidential election since 1848. His first presidential vote was cast for General Taylor. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

PETER A. HELM. One of the oldest and best-known residents of Perry township is Peter A. Helm, who has long been identified with its business interests as a farmer and stock raiser, and the township also numbers him among her soldier citizens, for he bravely and valiantly followed the stars and stripes through the Civil war. His birth occurred in Perry township October 27, 1838, the old homestead where he now resides being the scene of his boyhood's pleasures as well as his subsequent years of activity. His

parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Slick) Helm, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, she of German and English and he of German and Scotch-Irish descent. In their family were twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, three of whom were born in Pennsylvania and the remainder in Perry township, and Peter A. is the sixth son and seventh child in order of birth. In about 1833 Mr. Helm established his home in Wayne county, Indiana, but a short time afterward removed to Randolph county, and about 1836 the family came to Delaware county and located in Perry township. For some time Mr. Helm rented land, and then purchased a wooded tract of forty acres, which he not only cleared and improved but also with the passing years added to its boundaries until he was the possessor of about three hundred acres, of which he cleared about a hundred. Throughout the period of his residence in Indiana he was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, but previously, before leaving Pennsylvania, he had been occupied by driving cars over the mountains, steam engines being used on more level land. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was one of the best and most favorably known men in Delaware county, his death occurring when he had reached the age of seventy-one years.

In the early-day log schoolhouses of Perry township Peter A. Helm received his educational training, and when he had reached the age of twenty-three years he enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years, and during the time participated in many of the historic battles of the Civil war, including those of Pittsburg Landing, Perryville and Stone River, and was through the Georgia and Kentucky campaign. In 1864 he was honorably discharged on account of the expiration of his term of enlistment, and on being mustered out of the service he returned to Delaware county and rented the old home farm of his father. Finally purchasing the homestead, he has ever since continued its cultivation and improvement, and is the owner of about three hundred acres of rich and fertile land, with six good sets of frame buildings which he has erected. The farm is located in section 2, Perry township.

Mr. Helm married, December 1, 1864, Elizabeth A. Clevenger, who was born on her father's farm in Randolph county, Indiana, and they have had seven children—George T. S., Alverine, Carrie Luella, Mary Leora, Indiana Blanch, and two, Margaret and William, who died in infancy. All were born and reared on the old Helm homestead. Mrs. Helm is a daughter of William and Mary Jane (Smithson) Clevenger. He was a native of Ohio, a son of John and Nancy Clevenger, natives of Virginia and Ohio and six

and has been twice elected the commissioner of Delaware county. He maintains pleasant relations with his army comrades by his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic, and fraternally is a member of the order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs and the Red Men. He is also a member of the New Light Christian church.

GEORGE T. S. HELM. Perry township of Delaware county numbers among its most prominent agriculturists George T. S. Helm, whose farm is located on section 35. It was on this place also that he was born, October 19, 1865, his father being Peter Helm, whose biography also appears in this work. The son George attended the district schools of his native township of Perry, and in the meantime also assisted in clearing the old home farm, remaining on the homestead until his marriage, on the 21st of November, 1885, Ella May Swingley becoming his wife. She was born in Randolph county, Indiana, and is the daughter of Cale Swingley, who has long been numbered among the prominent agriculturists of Delaware county. He was born, however, in Ohio, but in an early day emigrated to Indiana and established his home in Randolph county. He was there married to Mary Lucinda Thompson, a native daughter of the Hoosier state, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Helm is the fourth in order of birth. She was very young at time of the removal of her parents to Delaware county, the family home being established in Perry township, on section 35. Her father performed the arduous labor of clearing a part of his farm, and was numbered among the early and honored residents of the county.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Helm located with his young bride on the farm which he now owns and operates, their first residence being a little log cabin, and here the young couple spent the first thirteen years of their married life, the primitive log dwelling at that time giving place to their present attractive home. The forty-acre tract which served as the nucleus of Mr. Helm's landed possessions has been increased to three hundred and fifteen acres, all of which is located in Perry township, on sections 1, 35 and 2. He cleared forty acres of the tract and with the passing years has placed many valuable improvements on the farm, making it one of the attractive homesteads of the township.

Four daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Helm, namely: Arvillie, Edith Blanche, Margaret and Neva, but the last named is deceased. All were born on the present homestead farm. As a representative of the Republican party Mr. Helm has served as a member of the advisory board of Perry township, and was at one time a member of its board of supervisors. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Red Men, and he is a member of the New Light Christian church.

WILLIAM LINDSEY. As a representative of one of the earliest and most honored families of Delaware county and as one of the leading business men of Perry township Mr. William Lindsey deserves mention in this his-

tory, devoted as it is to the portrayal of the lives of the leading men of the county. He is also numbered among the native sons of Perry township, where his birth occurred on the 7th of October, 1844, and he is of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, Thomas Lindsey, of Delaware county pioneer fame, was born in North Carolina in 1807, where his father was a prominent slave holder. He was reared on a farm in that commonwealth, and his first presidential vote was cast for Jackson. He married one of North Carolina's native daughters, Sally Finch, her birth occurring in October, 1804, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom seven sons and two daughters grew to years of maturity, Mr. William Lindsey being the next to the youngest in order of birth. In about 1826 Mr. Lindsey, the father, came with his family by wagon to Indiana, locating in Wayne county, where they lived on a rented farm for some time, and from there removed to Henry county. In the early '30s they established their home in Perry township, Delaware county, where the father bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He cleared the most of his land, and there spent the remainder of his life. When Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey came to Indiana their worldly possessions consisted of a few tin dishes, and their cash capital was only what the father earned at twenty-five cents a day; but at the time of his death he was the owner of a valuable estate of two hundred and forty acres, while at one time he was the owner of five hundred and forty acres, these large possessions representing his excellent business ability and his wonderful perseverance. He was a Republican in his political views, had fraternal relations with the Masonic order, and was a member of the Methodist church. His death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-three years and nine months, and he was one of the best-known men of Delaware county.

In the old log schoolhouses of the township William Lindsey, a son of this honored Delaware county pioneer, received his educational training. At the time of his marriage he rented a part of his father's farm, but finally bought his present estate of eighty acres in Perry township. After a time, however, he returned and farmed his father's homestead until 1879, since which time he has resided on his own estate. He cleared a part of the land, and has placed thereon many valuable and substantial improvements.

At the age of twenty-one years, on the 19th of November, 1865, Mr. Lindsey married Lovina F. Stanley, whose birth occurred in Henry county, Indiana, January 8, 1847, her parents being John and Mary A. Stanley, farmers of that county. Seven children have been born of this union, Zella, Eva I., Mollie M., Maggie, Louie, Wilma F., and one, the second born, who

and honored pioneer residents of Perry township, was also a native of the Hoosier state of Indiana, attaining to years of maturity in Wayne county. He was married there to Elizabeth Bell, whose birth occurred in Ohio, but she was reared principally in Wayne county. To this union were born ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom Thomas was the eldest in order of birth. In 1836 the family came to Perry township, Delaware county, where the father purchased eighty acres of woodland. He cleared this property and also bought other lands in the township, owning at one time three hundred and twenty acres in Perry township. His political views were in harmony with the principles of the Republican party, but he generally voted for the man whom he regarded as best qualified for public positions. In the early years of his life he was a Quaker. His busy and useful life was ended in death when he had reached the age of seventy-four and a half years, and in his death Perry township lost one of its best and most useful citizens.

Thomas Marshall received his early education in the log schools of Perry township, and from 1855 to 1879 he taught school here, having been further prepared for this high and useful calling by pursuing a course in Greencastle College. During the time in which he was engaged in the work of a teacher he also carried on farming and studied law, and in 1880 he moved to the farm which he now owns and operates in Perry township, consisting of one hundred and thirty-five acres of rich and fertile land, about thirty acres of which he cleared, and he has made all the valuable improvements now seen upon the place.

On the 24th of August, 1862, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Marion Walradt, who was born in Chenango county, New York, but was reared in Ohio as a farmer's daughter. They became the parents of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, all of whom claim Perry township as the place of their nativity, with the exception of two, who were born in Henry county, Indiana. Throughout the period of his long residence in Perry township Mr. Marshall has taken an active part in its political history, voting formerly with the Republican party, but he is now independent.

JOSEPH A. MILLS. No man in all Perry township was more highly esteemed and loved than Mr. Joseph A. Mills, whose death occurred on the 5th of April, 1895, but his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him. His name was prominently associated with the business interests of this section of Delaware county, which had been his home since his seventeenth year, and during an extended period he was one of the county's most prominent farmers and stock-raisers. His first occupation in Delaware county, however, was as a blacksmith, which trade he had learned in Randolph county, and after conducting a shop for about five years he transferred his operations to agricultural pursuits and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, of which he cleared about seventy

acres. During about fifteen years he resided there with his family, and at the close of the period removed to the present family home.

Mr. Mills was born in Randolph county, Indiana, November 14, 1841, a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Thornburg) Mills, who were farming people of that county. The father spent the first eleven years of his life in his native commonwealth of North Carolina, coming thence by the overland route to Randolph county, Indiana, where he grew to years of maturity on a farm and was subsequently married. Of his parents' nine children, four sons and five daughters, Joseph A. Mills was the eldest, and he resided in Randolph county till 1860 when he came to Delaware county. On the 26th of January, 1861, he married Jane Thornburg, whose birth occurred on the farm on which she now resides, June 11, 1842, her father being Alexander Thornburg, a well known resident of Perry township. He was born in North Carolina May 10, 1810, but when about twelve years of age he moved with his parents to Ohio, where he was reared to mature years and married Malinda Huskins, a native daughter of that commonwealth. In about 1833 Mr. Thornburg removed with his family to Perry township, where he entered eighty acres of wood land, erected a log cabin and began the task of clearing his land and placing it under cultivation, continuing his work until his busy and useful life was ended in death. His estate then comprised four hundred acres of land, the result of honorable effort and commendable industry, and in addition he had given each of his three sons a farm. After the death of his first wife Mr. Thornburg married Angelina Sullivan, who was born in North Carolina. Angelina Sullivan was eleven years old when her parents, Reuben and Lavina (Bond) Sullivan, came to Wayne county, Indiana, and they had seven children: Malinda, Thomas (deceased), Jane (Mrs. Mills), Dema, Lucinda, and John W. and Andrew, deceased. By his first marriage he became the father of two sons, Joseph, who was born in Ohio, and Isaac, born in Delaware county, while the seven children by his second marriage were born on the old homestead farm in Perry township. Mr. Thornburg gave a lifelong support to the Republican party, and was a member of the Christian church. The death of this honored old Delaware county pioneer occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-two years, and during his long and useful life he had endeared himself by his many sterling characteristics to many friends and acquaintances, and when death claimed its own Delaware county lost one of its most useful citizens, whom to know was to respect and honor. Mr. and Mrs. Mills became the parents of two sons, Orloff W. and Thomas Elliott, both of whom were born on the present Mills homestead in

too, endeared himself to the people of Perry township, and not a few cherish a pleasant remembrance of his kindness and courtesy.

WILLIAM L. LINDSEY, a farmer and stock-raiser of Perry township, is also numbered among its native sons, born on the 10th of May, 1871. His father, Robert B. Lindsey, who has been numbered among the leading agriculturists of Delaware county for many years, also claims Perry township as the place of his nativity, born May 23, 1847, the son of Thomas and Sally Lindsey. Robert B. Lindsey received his educational training in the schools of Perry township and remained at home until his marriage, September 29, 1869, Margaret E. Kegerries becoming his wife. She was born in Randolph county, Indiana, where her parents, Thomas and Christina Kegerries, had removed in an early day from Pennsylvania, they having been of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. Four children were born of this union—William L., Olpha O., Harley E. and Pearl M.—but the two youngest are deceased. After his marriage Mr. Lindsey moved to a farm of eighty acres, which he continued to cultivate until his removal in the spring of 1880 to his present homestead of one hundred and twenty acres. He is an active worker in the ranks of the Prohibition party, and for four years served as a justice of the peace. He also has membership relations with the Masonic fraternity and the Methodist Episcopal church in Perry township.

William L. Lindsey, the eldest of his parents' four children, received his elementary education in the district schools of his native township of Perry, and then pursued a commercial course in Richmond. This excellent training enabled him to become a member of the teachers' profession, and during ten terms he taught in the schools of Perry township. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred on the 11th of June, 1892, to Mattie E. Hewitt, a native daughter of Randolph county, Indiana, where her parents, Joseph and Louisa H. Hewitt, had established their home in a very early day in the county's history, and were identified with its farming interests. Two sons were born to bless this union—Ermel E. and Robert O.

After his marriage Mr. Lindsey took up his abode on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, his present homestead, and this he has brought to a high state of cultivation and has won a name and place among the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of Perry township. As a supporter of the Democracy he takes an active part in the political affairs of the community, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Whitney Lodge, No. 229. He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ALBERT L. GATES, a retired farmer and an honored and revered resident of Perry township, was born in Madison county, New York, March 10, 1817. His father, Zepheniah Gates, claimed Connecticut as the commonwealth of his nativity, born in New London county March 7, 1770, and after attaining to years of maturity he became identified with its agricultural

interests. He was there married to Abigail Griffith, whose birth occurred in Dutchess county, New York, and they became the parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. The parents came to Delaware county at the same time as their son Albert and spent their last years here.

Albert L. Gates, the eleventh child in order of birth, attained to mature years in the states of New York and Pennsylvania, and on reaching the age of twenty-one years he made the overland journey to Indiana and located in Muncie, where during the following three or four years he worked at the carpenter's trade. In that time he assisted in the erection of the old Methodist and Presbyterian churches and also helped to build the old brick court house in that city. At the close of the period he moved to Perry township and purchased a farm of sixty-five acres in the woods, and after spending four years in clearing the land he traded the farm for his present homestead of one hundred and sixteen acres. At one time Mr. Gates was the owner of two hundred and fifty acres, but by dividing his land among his children he reduced his possessions to the present boundaries of his farm. He made the many improvements which now adorn the homestead and has cleared a part of the land.

On the 18th of November, 1847, Mr. Gates was united in marriage to Anna Cunningham, who was born and reared in Union county, Ohio. Her father, Samuel Cunningham, a native of Virginia, was one of the prominent early settlers of Henry county, Indiana, and her mother, nee Hannah Walker, was a native of North Carolina. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gates have been born eight children, four sons and four daughters, but two are now deceased, and all were born in Perry township, namely: Mary Ann, Charles Leroy, Sarah Jane, Francis Marion, Fremont, Licena F., Lewis and Viola. Charles L. died in infancy and Licena died aged five years. Since reaching mature years Mr. Gates has upheld Republican principles, and from 1874 until 1878 he served as the trustee of Perry township. He is passing the evening of a long and useful life surrounded with comforts and happy in the enjoyment of warm and devoted friendships.

LEWIS KEESLING, prominently identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Delaware county, has spent the entire period of his long and useful life in Perry township, his birth occurring within its borders on the 6th of March, 1834. He is a son of Martin Keesling, whose history will be found on other pages of this work. The son received his educational training in the pioneer schools of the township and he remained at home until his marriage in 1864 to Mary Powers, whose birth also occurred in Delaware county, where her parents, Uriah and Sylvana Powers, had established their home in a very early day in its history. At the time of his mar-

many improvements thereon. In 1898 he deeded four hundred and eighty acres to his heirs, retaining the remaining three hundred and ninety-six acres.

Five children, three sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keesling, namely: Bryce P., Minnie Williams, Adelbert M., Carl E. and Lenola, but the last named is deceased, and all were born in Perry township. Mr. Keesling has given a lifelong support to the principles of the Republican party and has been an active worker in its local ranks. He is a member of the Presbyterian church in Muncie.

COLWELL HOWELL, a prominent and well known farmer of Perry township, residing in section 22, was born in Henry county, Indiana, September 12, 1851, a son of Hillery Howell, a deceased farmer of Henry county and a native of Wayne county, Indiana, and a grandson of Jason Howell, who claimed Wales as the country of his nativity. His parents died in Wales during his boyhood days and he was brought to America by strangers and reared by them in Wayne county, Indiana, near the city of Economy. Hillery Howell, his son, was married in Henry county to Fannie Bedwell, who was born in that county, where her parents had taken up their abode in an early day, and they became the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Kitturah, Osborn, Jonathan, Sarah Jane, Jason, Colwell, Serina, Leroy, Alonzo, and Orange, all born in Henry county, but the four eldest are now deceased. Mr. Howell, the father, gave a lifelong support to the Republican party, had fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a member of the New Light Christian church. His death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-three years.

It was in the year of 1870 that Colwell Howell came to Perry township, Delaware county, where for ten years he lived on a rented farm of one hundred and eleven acres, also rented another farm for about one year, and in March, 1880, he purchased ninety-five acres, the nucleus of his present estate of one hundred and twenty and a half acres, the most of which is cleared. The homestead lies in section 22, Perry township.

On the 13th of October, 1870, the year of his removal to Delaware county, Mr. Howell married Mary C. Jordan, a native daughter of Perry township, where her father, William A. Jordan, is numbered among the early pioneers, and a review of his life will be found in this history. Five children, two sons and three daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howell: Linnie, deceased; Pearl; Gertrude; Letha, also deceased; and Beulah, all born in Perry township. Mr. Howell has supported the principles of the Republican party since attaining to mature years and takes an active part in the work of his chosen party. In 1900 he was elected to the office of trustee and served in that position for four years. He has fraternal relations with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the third degree, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSEPH H. THORNBURG is a prominent representative of one of the honored early pioneer families of Delaware county, where for many years its members have been identified with its agricultural interests, and this calling finds a worthy devotee in Joseph H. Thornburg. His homestead of one hundred and sixty acres lies in Perry township and is one of the valuable estates of the community.

Although reared and educated in Perry township, Mr. Thornburg is a native son of Ohio, born in Clinton county on the 17th of April, 1831. A history of his father, Alexander Thornburg, will be found on other pages of this work. During his early youth the son Joseph attended the log schools of Perry township and also assisted in the work of the home farm, and after his marriage he established his home on the farm which he now owns and operates, the young couple first taking up their abode in a little log cabin and the husband began the arduous task of clearing his land. He cleared sixty acres of the place, and with the passing years added to his landed possessions until he became the possessor of four hundred acres. He also cleared the most of this large tract, but has since disposed of a part of the acreage, his homestead now consisting of one hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. Thornburg married, December 24, 1855, Hannah Cunningham, who was born and reared in Henry county, Indiana, and was the daughter of Samuel C. Cunningham, a farmer. Four children were born of this union—Francis M., William A., Elenora E. and Sarah. The last named is deceased. By his second marriage, to Paulina Swaringen, Mr. Thornburg had two children, Emma and Irvin, while by his third marriage, to Sarah Benbough, he had two children, Jennie and Charles. For his fourth wife Mr. Thornburg wedded Sarah Craig Thornburg, the widow of Alexander Thornburg. There are three children by the fourth marriage—Ora, Myrtle and Burtes. He is a member of the Christian church, is a Republican in his political affiliations, and is a stockholder in the People's Bank of Muncie.

JOSEPH B. CUNNINGHAM is a member of two of the oldest and most prominent families of Delaware county, and on the farm which he now owns and operates, located on section 8, Perry township, he was born on the 27th of February, 1864. His father, Benjamin G. Cunningham, was a native son of Maryland, born, reared and educated in that commonwealth, but when a young man he came overland to Indiana and located in Perry township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the woods. With the passing years he cleared the most of that tract, and in addition bought several other farms in the township, finally removing to the present Cunningham homestead. The nucleus of this present large estate was one hundred

its most honored pioneer families, whose history will be found elsewhere in this work. Her father, Judge Lewis Rees, was the first judge of Delaware county and was a prominent factor in the early history of this section of the state. Eight children, seven sons and a daughter, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, namely: Benjamin G., Louis, Marion, Stephen, Adeline, John, James and Joseph, but Benjamin, John and James are deceased. All were born in Perry township. Mr. Cunningham, the father, gave a lifelong support to the Republican party, and was a member of the Masonic order, as are also his sons.

Joseph B. Cunningham has spent his entire life on the farm on which he now resides, and is now the owner of two hundred and forty-one and three-fourths acres of land. He cleared fifty-seven acres of the tract and has further enhanced the beauty and value of the homestead by the erection of many substantial improvements, while Perry township numbers him among her leading agriculturists and stock raisers.

On the 4th of December, 1889, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Elizabeth Ross, who was born in Monroe township, Delaware county, Indiana, where she also grew to years of maturity, and is a daughter of Garrett Ross, whose biography appears in this history. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, Edna E., Ross, Flossie, Von and Ray, all born on the homestead which was also the birthplace of their father. Mr. Cunningham takes an active part in the public affairs of his community, voting with the Republican party. He has membership relations with the Masonic order.

LEWIS SAMUEL CUNNINGHAM. Among the honored native sons of Perry township is numbered Lewis S. Cunningham, whose birth occurred on the old homestead of his father, Benjamin D. Cunningham, whose history appears elsewhere in this work, on the 16th of November, 1852, and to the schools of this township he is also indebted for the educational training which he received in his youth. In 1873, after attaining to years of maturity, he went west and worked in the Colorado mines of the San Juan country and also did cattle ranging. During his sojourn in the west he was married in Crawford county, Kansas, in 1884, to Elizabeth Page, who was born in Logan county, Kentucky, where she also attained to years of maturity. After their marriage the young couple came to Delaware county, Indiana, and located in Perry township on a farm of one hundred and twenty-nine acres. After making many improvements on this place Mr. Cunningham sold it and moved to another farm, where he remained until coming, in 1893, to the farm which he now owns and occupies. The homestead is one of the valuable ones of Perry township, the land being fertile and well improved, and its owner has greatly enhanced its value and attractive appearance by the erection of many substantial improvements.

Three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, all born in Perry township, namely: Page, Benjamin and Vernie W. Since age con-

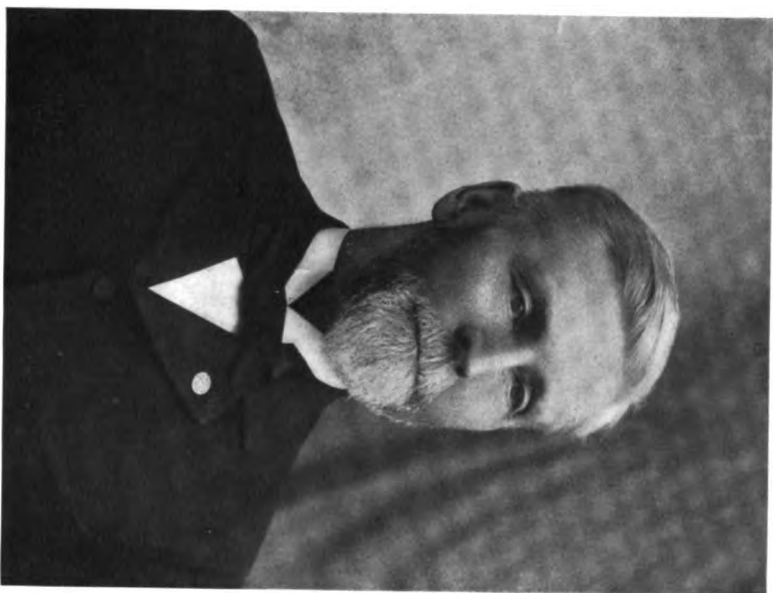
ferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cunningham has voted with the Republican party, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order.

CARL REES. The gentleman whose name heads this biographic review is both the son and grandson of pioneers who have greatly honored Perry township and Delaware county. He himself is a native of the township named, born December 2, 1879, and is a substantial representative of its agricultural interests. His father, John, is the son of Louis and Polly Rees, both natives of Wales who came to America with their parents and settled in Ohio. The paternal grandfather reached manhood as a resident of that state, secured a tract of government land in Perry township, and in 1822 came personally to take possession of it. At that time the country was on the very outskirts of the frontier, Indians and wild beasts holding full sway in the wilderness, and Louis Rees, with his good wife Polly, bore the common brunt of the hardships incident to pioneer life—an experience of continuous dangers and incessant labors, which so bound together the real pioneers of the west and which can be appreciated by only a small band living in the present. The grandfather erected a little log cabin in Perry township, began the usual hard task of clearing his land of timber, and on this rugged homestead first came to life his son John, the father of our subject. The date of his birth was July 13, 1826, and his life until he reached young manhood was also a succession of hard labors faithfully performed. He was married in Perry township to Mary Rees, a native of Indiana, and the three sons and five daughters, who were all born to them within the limits of the township, were as follows: Cracey and Adaline, deceased; Louis, Emma, Eca, Wesley (deceased), Albertus and Carl.

John Rees, the father, gave his political support to the Republican party, and was well and favorably known in the county in which his entire life was passed. He assisted in clearing the old paternal farm, and after residing on several homesteads of his own he removed to his present farm of three hundred and sixty acres, the most of which he cleared, and here the remainder of his busy and useful life was spent.

On the 25th of November, 1906, Carl Rees was united in marriage to Anna Fuson, who was born in Monroe township, Delaware county, a daughter of the well known Thomas Fuson. Mr. Rees' political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he is classed as a progressive and promising member of the community.

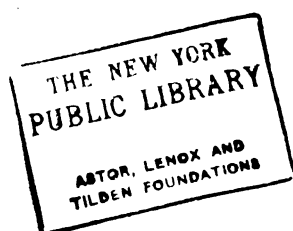
WILLIAM W. ROSS. As one reviews the history of the county and looks



*William A. Ross*



*Rachel Ross*



ship from an early epoch in its history. One of its most prominent representatives, William W. Ross, is a native son of the township, born on the 23d of June, 1843: His father, Aaron Ross, was born, reared and educated in Guilford county, North Carolina, but in the early '30s he left the county of his nativity and journeyed to Delaware county, Indiana, establishing his home in Monroe township, where he entered eighty-eight acres of land, erected a little log cabin in the woods, and began the arduous labor of evolving a farm from the wilderness. On horseback he rode to Indianapolis to pay his last dollar of entry fee, starting homeward without a cent, and his entire possessions in later years were the result of indomitable industry and ability. His crops were hauled to Cambridge City once a year, and among the manifold duties of this brave and hardy pioneer was the making of the shoes for the family, and he also raised the flax and his wife spun and wove their own materials for clothing.

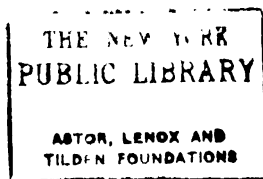
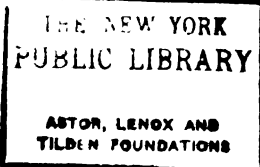
Mr. Ross was married in North Carolina to one of its native daughters, Mary Weatherly, who was born and reared in Guilford county, and at the time of their removal to Delaware county they left all their friends and relatives behind, journeying alone to this then new and undeveloped region. Twelve children were born to them, six sons and six daughters, but three of the number died in infancy, and their son William was the seventh child in order of birth. From the Whig party Mr. Ross transferred his allegiance to the Democracy, and in his early life he was a member of the Methodist church, but later became identified with the New Light Christian denomination. The life of this well known and honored Delaware county pioneer was ended in death when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. His was a long, active, useful and honorable career, and his name is indelibly inscribed on the pages of Monroe township's early history.

William W. Ross was reared to years of maturity on the old home place, receiving his educational training in the district schools of Monroe township, and in the meantime assisted to clear the old place and put it under cultivation. In 1864 he volunteered his services to his country's cause, enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana Infantry, in which he served for five months, but he was ill during the most of his military career. At the time of his marriage he moved to a farm of forty acres, which he partially cleared and placed many improvements thereon, but in 1888 he traded the place and moved to the original one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm. With the passing years, however, he has added to the tract until his estate now consists of four hundred and thirty-two acres of rich and fertile land, and the many improvements which add so much to its value and attractive appearance have all been placed there by the work of his own hands. During his early life Mr. Ross took an active part in political affairs, laboring effectively in public office, and is accorded that recognition which is justly due the public-spirited and progressive citizen. As a representative of the Republican party he was elected the trustee of Monroe township in 1889, in which he served for

seven years, and at the expiration of that period, in 1896, he was made a member of the state legislature. During three terms he was the incumbent of that high official position, and since the expiration of his term he has withdrawn from active political life.

The marriage of Mr. Ross was celebrated in Monroe township, in 1865, Rachel Gibson then becoming his wife. She is a native daughter of the township of Monroe, in which her father, Robert Gibson, established his home in a very early day, coming from Tennessee. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross, five sons and four daughters, three daughters and a son are now deceased. All were born in Monroe township. The names of children now living are Frank W., Loren, Orville, Arthur and Hazel L. Mary Alice married Daniel Rees and died aged nineteen years. Cora married Watson Martin and died aged twenty-two. Wilbert died at the age of twenty-one, and Agnes died in infancy. The fraternal relations of Mr. Ross are with the Masonic order and the Red Men, and he also holds pleasant relations with his comrades of the blue by his membership in the G. A. R. Post. During the long period of twenty-two years he has been a local minister in the Methodist church, and in that time has officiated at three hundred funerals and about two hundred and fifty marriages. His sterling worth and fidelity have won him the confidence of his fellow citizens, and he is at all times active in promoting the work of the church and all that pertains to the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ upon earth.

**GARRET ROSS.** One of the best known men of Monroe township is Garret Ross, who is prominently identified with its farming and stock-raising interests. He is also a representative of one of its earliest pioneer families, which was established here by his grandfather, William Ross. He bore an active part in the early history of Monroe township and was a native of Tennessee, where he was married to Susan Paten. They became the parents of three sons and a daughter, of whom Nephthalum R. Ross, the father of the subject of this review, was the eldest in order of birth. He was born in Connersville, Kentucky, and when a lad of seventeen years the family emigrated to Delaware county, Indiana, where Mr. Ross, Sr., purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Monroe township. He died shortly after his arrival, and to his sons fell the task of clearing the farm and placing it under cultivation, while in the meantime the family made their home in a little log cabin. Mr. Nephthalum Ross cleared a tract of eighty acres in section 35, Monroe township, the birthplace of his son Garret, and he farmed and dealt in stock all his life. He was the oldest stock dealer in the township and shipped the first carload of stock that was sent over the Bee or the Big Four line. He also drove many herds of stock to Cincinnati in those early days, walking the entire distance. He first allied his political interests with the Whigs, and after the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, continuing an active worker in the public life of his community until his busy and useful life was ended in death, when he had reached the age of





*Elizabeth Gibson*



*Garrett B. Gibson*

eighty-four years. He was one of the best known men in Delaware county.

Mr. Ross married one of Monroe township's native daughters, Nancy Gibson, her father, Garret Gibson, having taken up his abode within its borders in a very early day. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom were born and reared in Monroe township, namely: Elizabeth, deceased; Garret, whose name introduces this review; William, Jasper N., Robert, Emma, James and Borter.

Garret Ross was born in Monroe township on the 8th of March, 1843, and during the early years of his life he assisted in clearing and cultivating the old home farm. He was married, August 21, 1862, to Margaret Jane Lenox, who was born and reared on the old Lenox homestead in this township, of which her father, John Lenox, was one of the early pioneers, but was a native of Tennessee. His father was John Lenox, Sr., killed in the War of 1812, and the son afterward went with his mother to Ohio and thence to Delaware county, Indiana. On his first purchase of eighty acres in Monroe township he erected a little log cabin, but with the passing years he added to the boundaries of his estate until it contained four hundred and seventy acres, but the land has since been divided among his heirs. Of the eight children, four sons and four daughters, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross, one died in infancy, and those living are Nancy, Dianah, Betsy, Marion, Richard, Thomas Baker and William B. Mr. Ross gives his political support to the Republican party, and he and his wife are members of the New Light Christian church.

GARRETT B. GIBSON, who is numbered among the prominent farmers and business men of Monroe township, Delaware county, is a member of one of the best known families of this community, where they took up their abode in the early days of the county's history, and have ever since been prominently identified with its interests. Monroe township numbers Mr. Garrett B. Gibson among her native sons, his birth occurring here on the 3d of April, 1853. His father, Walter Gibson, has his name enrolled among the earliest of the county's pioneers, but his birth occurred in Ohio, and he was brought to Delaware county by his parents when but eighteen months old. He was the son of Garrett Gibson, Sr., whose sketch will be found on other pages.

Walter Gibson received his educational training in the district schools of this vicinity, and during the early years of his life he assisted in clearing the homestead farm of its dense growth of timber and then placing the fields under cultivation. He was married in Monroe township to Ruth Brown, whose birth occurred in Wayne county, Indiana, but she was reared in Delaware county, whence she removed with her parents when a child. She was the daughter of David and Betsy Brown, who were numbered among the early and honored pioneers of Monroe township. On their arrival here they purchased a farm, and the subsequent years were spent in clearing it and placing it under cultivation. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Gibson, namely: Betsy; David and Nancy Jane, both deceased; Garrett; John F.; Isaac B., also deceased; and William. All were born in Monroe township and were educated in its district schools. Mr. Gibson, the father, followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation, and his entire career was one of uniform honor, thus winning for himself the respect and high esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his acquaintances and friends were many. He gave his political support to the Republican party, and was a member of the Christian Friends church. His death occurred when he had reached the seventy-fourth milestone on his life's journey.

On the old homestead farm which his father had evolved from the wilderness in Monroe township Garrett B. Gibson grew to a sturdy manhood, assisting in the meantime in the arduous work of a new and densely wooded farm. On the 1st of September, 1877, he was married to Elizabeth Hooper, whose birth occurred in Henry county, Indiana, where she was also reared and educated. She is the daughter of David M. Hooper, who was long numbered among the prominent agriculturists of that county, but is now deceased. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was there married to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Fannie Baker, of German descent. Of their eight children, four sons and four daughters, all were born in Henry county, Indiana, where the parents had emigrated in an early day in its history, there purchasing and clearing a farm. Mr. Hooper later removed to Monroe township, but his death occurred two years afterward, when he was seventy-seven years of age. During about twenty-five years of his life he voted with the Republican party, but he then transferred his political relations to the Democracy. He had two sons in the Civil war, John B. and William C. The latter was killed in the explosion of the old Sultana. Eli K. Hooper, youngest son of David M. Hooper, graduated at Purdue University and was a successful and popular teacher in both Delaware and Henry counties. He died at the age of thirty-one years. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson: Jonas B., who died in infancy; and Eli K., who is now serving as a soldier with Company I, Eighteenth United States Infantry, in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson reside on their pleasant and valuable estate of eighty acres in section 12, Monroe township, which has been their home since 1883. He has cleared twenty acres of the place, and the farm is mostly under cultivation. He is prominently identified with the Republican party, and is one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of Monroe township.

DARLIN M. TUTTLE. The genealogy of the Tuttle family is traced to

that the first name on the role of the Battle Abbey (1066) is Toteles. As far as known the first Tuttle to come to America was John, of Herefordshire, England, who, accompanied by his family, came in 1635 in the ship Planter and settled on Long Island. In the same year another John Tuttle came on the ship Angel Gabriel and settled at Dover, New Hampshire. William Tuttle settled in New Haven. Jeremiah Tuttle, who died in New York in 1705, served as alderman, was vestryman of Trinity church and owned property on Pearl street. Several Tuttle were commissioned officers of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war. The Tuttle can boast of a sober, temperate ancestry. None of them were known to be intemperate. Among the family traits and characteristics is the tendency of the hair to grow gray at an early age. The color of the eyes so universal in the family is rather a remarkable gray, slightly dashed with hazel.

Darlin Tuttle, grandfather of Darlin M. Tuttle, was born in Virginia and lived at Rummey. From Virginia he removed to Ohio and settled in Clinton county, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. He was a resident there the rest of his days and passed away at a good old age. His first wife and the mother of his children was a Miss Smith before marriage. The children were named John S., Mary and James.

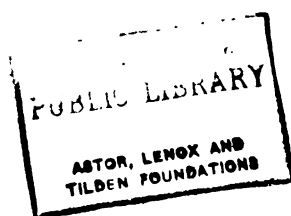
In a very early day in its history the Tuttle family was founded in Delaware county by the father of the subject of this review, Rev. John S. Tuttle, who made his way hither by wagon and settled in the wilds of Monroe township. Here he cleared and improved an excellent farm, and was also identified with the Protestant Methodist Episcopal ministry for about thirty or forty years, being numbered among the best known and useful citizens of this section of the county, and his many excellent and beneficent traits of character have been inherited by his son, the subject of this review, who has been identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Monroe township throughout his entire business career. He also bears an honorable record as a soldier for the Union cause during the Civil war, having entered the ranks in September, 1864, and served his country valiantly and faithfully as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Mr. Darlin M. Tuttle was born in Monroe township, Delaware county, Indiana, July 7, 1839. His father, Rev. John S. Tuttle, deceased, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, January 29, 1804, there receiving his educational training and attaining to years of maturity on a farm. On the 3d of June, 1823, he married one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Hannah Hale, who was a descendant of Sir Mathew Hale, of English fame, and they became the parents of fourteen children, six sons and eight daughters, all of whom lived to rear families of their own. They are as follows: Delilah, the wife of Solomon Clevenger, both now deceased; Mary J., Isaiah and Thomas W., also deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Henry Remington; Hannah, the wife of Morris Kidnocker; Abraham J., deceased; Amanda, the wife of Addison Stafford; Ellen, wife of Elisha Clevenger; Darlin M.,

the subject of this review ; Minerva, deceased ; Catherine, the widow of Isaac Lake ; John W. ; and William F., deceased. Eight of the number were born in Ohio, and the remaining six in Monroe township. In 1836 the family made the journey with wagons to Indiana, where Rev. Tuttle purchased one hundred and seventy-four acres of government land in Monroe township, built a little log cabin in the woods, and began the task of clearing and cultivating his land. With the passing years he succeeded in clearing all but forty acres of his homestead, and here he reared his children to lives of usefulness and honor. While carrying on the work of his farm he also labored as a minister of the gospel in the Protestant Methodist church, being an efficient worker in the Master's cause. He continued to reside in Monroe township until his busy and useful life was ended in death, passing to his final reward at the age of sixty-nine years. During his lifetime Rev. Tuttle was also a great hunter, and many were the deer, wild turkey, wolves, bears and wild cats which fell from his trusty rifle, yet in the possession of his descendants and which is nearly a century old. In those early days his associates were Judge March and Judge Buckles, also the Kerbys, the Tomlinsons, the Rosses and the Gibsons, all of Delaware county pioneer fame. Rev. Tuttle was a member of the Union League during the war, and was one of the best known men of his day in Delaware county, always taking an active part in all movements for its upbuilding and advancement. His wife survived him one year.

A son of this honored early Delaware county pioneer, Darlin M. Tuttle began the battle of life for himself without capital, and by his own perseverance and excellent ability he has risen to the high position which he has long occupied among the leading business men of Monroe township. After his marriage he assumed charge of the old home place, where he remained for eight years, in that time clearing a great deal of the land. On the 10th of March, 1874, he moved to the farm on which he has ever since resided, purchasing one hundred acres of land, and the many improvements which the homestead contains have been placed there by his own ability and industry.

On the 17th of June, 1858, Mr. Tuttle married Susan L. Lake, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, the daughter of George D. and Nancy (Roe) Lake, who came to Delaware county about 1850 and were numbered among the agriculturists of Monroe township. The following children have been born of this union: John S. ; Mary, the wife of Walter G. Shirey, assistant treasurer of the state of Kansas and a resident of Topeka ; George A. ; Oliver F., who was the leader of the Cowan Band and is now deceased ; Marion F., who is a talented artist. and is with the firm of Smith & Brooks.





**Mr. and Mrs. William H. Peacock and family.**

relations with the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Muncie Lodge, No. 343, while in the Grand Army of the Republic he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the blue. He is a member of the Society of Friends.

**WILLIAM H. PEACOCK.** Throughout his entire business career William H. Peacock has been identified with agricultural interests and he has long been numbered among the leading farmers of Monroe township. His birth occurred in Tyler county, Virginia, May 28, 1845, and in Loudoun county of that commonwealth his father, Elijah Peacock, also had his nativity, born July 4, 1808. He was there reared and educated, and for his wife chose Mary Jane Wright, whose birth also occurred in the Old Dominion, but she was reared in Ohio. Her parents died when she was young, and she was bound out, as was also her husband, in his boyhood days. In 1846 they removed to Henry county, Indiana, where in one of its small towns the father followed the blacksmith's trade, he having become familiar with that occupation in his native state of Virginia, and he continued its work until his retirement at a good old age. His death occurred on the 2d of July, 1884. In their family were six children, two sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to years of maturity, and William H. was the second child and son in order of birth.

Mr. William H. Peacock was reared and received his educational training in the schools of Henry county, Indiana. In 1863 he joined the Ninth Indiana Cavalry, Company G, with which he served until the close of the war. On the 25th of September, 1864, he was captured by General Forest and was taken to Castle Morgan, in Cahaba, Alabama, where he remained for nine months and suffered untold hardships and privations. In 1865, with the remainder of the prisoners, he was taken to Vicksburg and placed on the Sultana, whose boiler exploded when seven miles above Memphis, killing over sixteen hundred men. Mr. Peacock was wounded in the accident, and was disabled for three years thereafter. He was mustered out of the service at Indianapolis on the 24th of June, 1865, and returned to Henry county, Indiana, where he was married three years later. In 1870, with his wife, he came to Delaware county, Indiana, purchasing eighty acres of his present farm in Monroe township. He cleared the most of the tract and placed there the many improvements which it now contains. Mrs. Peacock inherited one hundred acres from her father's estate, and thus the homestead now consists of one hundred and eighty acres, all rich and fertile farming land and mostly under cultivation.

In Henry county, Indiana, July 25, 1868, Mr. Peacock was united in marriage to one of Delaware county's native daughters, Martha A. Reynolds, the daughter of Breckenridge Reynolds of pioneer fame. He was a Virginian by birth and came to Delaware county during a very early epoch in its history, when the Indians were its principal inhabitants, and purchased timbered land in Monroe township. Taking up his abode in a little

log cabin he began the work of clearing his land, and by indomitable energy and perseverance he carved his way to success, for he had not a cent when he began life in the wilds of Indiana. He grubbed for Andrew Gibson and thus obtained the first cow which he ever owned. By hard and laborious effort he succeeded in securing a large estate, owning at one time over one thousand acres, and the death of this brave and hardy old pioneer occurred on the 17th of February, 1887. On the 13th of September, 1838, in Virginia, he had married Ellen Lucas, a native daughter of that commonwealth, and they became the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, but the wife and mother died in 1866, on the 11th of May. June 1, 1868, Mr. Reynolds married Euphania Gibson, a daughter of Borter and Mary A. (Rhodes) Gibson and a representative of one of the oldest and most honored pioneers of Delaware county. Breckenridge Reynolds had three children by the second marriage, one son and two daughters. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peacock, two sons and a daughter: Mary, the wife of G. Crusey, of Muncie, Indiana; James R. and John C., all born on the homestead farm in Monroe township. James R. resides in Monroe township and his sketch will be found elsewhere. John C., a graduate in pharmacy, is now a drug clerk in Indianapolis. He married Abigail Trimmer, of Rochester, New York. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Peacock has supported the principles of the Republican party. He is numbered among the leading citizens of Monroe township and is held in high regard.

**JONAS GIBSON.** In reviewing the history of Delaware county, and especially of Monroe township, it will be found that the Gibson family were among the very first to take up their abode within its borders, dating their residence here from the early '30s, and from that time to the present its members have been prominently identified with its development and improvement. Monroe township numbers among its native sons Jonas Gibson, whose birth occurred on the old farm on which he now resides January 5, 1840. His father, Valentine Gibson, well known as an honored pioneer of Delaware county, claimed Ohio as the commonwealth of his nativity, and his father, William Gibson, was a native of Maryland, from whence he came to Delaware county in the early '30s and established his home in the wilds of Monroe township. He here entered a farm, erected his little log cabin and began the arduous task of clearing his land from its dense growth of timber and preparing the fields for cultivation. On this valuable old homestead he spent the remainder of his life, in the meantime winning for himself a leading place among the honored residents of the community.

Valentine Gibson also entered a tract of eighty acres of land in Monroe

daughters, Mary Clements, and they became the parents of four sons and a daughter: John, Jonas, Garrett, Richard and Nellie, all now deceased but Jonas.

On this valuable old homestead which he evolved from a wilderness the father spent the remainder of his life, and here his son Jonas was born, reared and has spent his entire career, the place being thus dear to him through its association with his early boyhood days as well as his subsequent years. In 1860, in Monroe township, he married Emeline Harold, the daughter of Allen and Rachel Harold, early pioneers of Delaware county, and in its township of Monroe their daughter Emeline had her nativity. Five children were born of this union—Garrett, Walter R., Mary M. and Allen, the third born dying in infancy. All were born on the old homestead. The wife and mother was called from this life to the home beyond February 2, 1893, and two years later Mr. Gibson married her sister, Margaret Harold, also a native daughter of Monroe township. It is worthy of mention that on the Gibson farm is a tree which measures fifteen feet in circumference, it having started from a bush growing out of a coal pit. It is now sought by people who would be willing to purchase it at most any price. Mr. Gibson has allied his political interests with the Republican party.

JOHN W. JONES. Since the days when Indiana was a wilderness the Jones family has resided within its borders and have been influential in its development and gradually increasing prosperity. The genealogy of the family is traced to the land of Ireland, where occurred the birth of James Jones, Sr., the grandfather of the subject of this review. During the period of his young manhood he came to America and established his home in South Carolina, becoming identified with its agricultural interests, and he was there married to Mary Austin, a native daughter of Wales, where she was also reared. They became the parents of five sons and four daughters, namely: John, Bayless, Bewford, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Martha, Henry and David. In 1808 Mr. Jones brought his family to Fayette county, Indiana, where they remained until 1832, and in that year came to Salem township, Delaware county, where he entered a farm of eighty acres, built a log cabin and succeeded in clearing much of his land. Mrs. Jones made the journey from Fayette county to South Carolina on horseback, but returned to Indiana in a wagon, bringing with her her mother.

Bewford Jones, a son of these early Indiana pioneers, was born in South Carolina in 1806, and received his educational training in the early district schools of Salem township, Delaware county. He married Phebe Depew, who was born in Virginia, and they became the parents of the following children, all born and reared in Salem township, namely: John W., Mary (deceased), Nancy and Elizabeth. Mr. Jones gave a lifelong support to the Democracy, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal

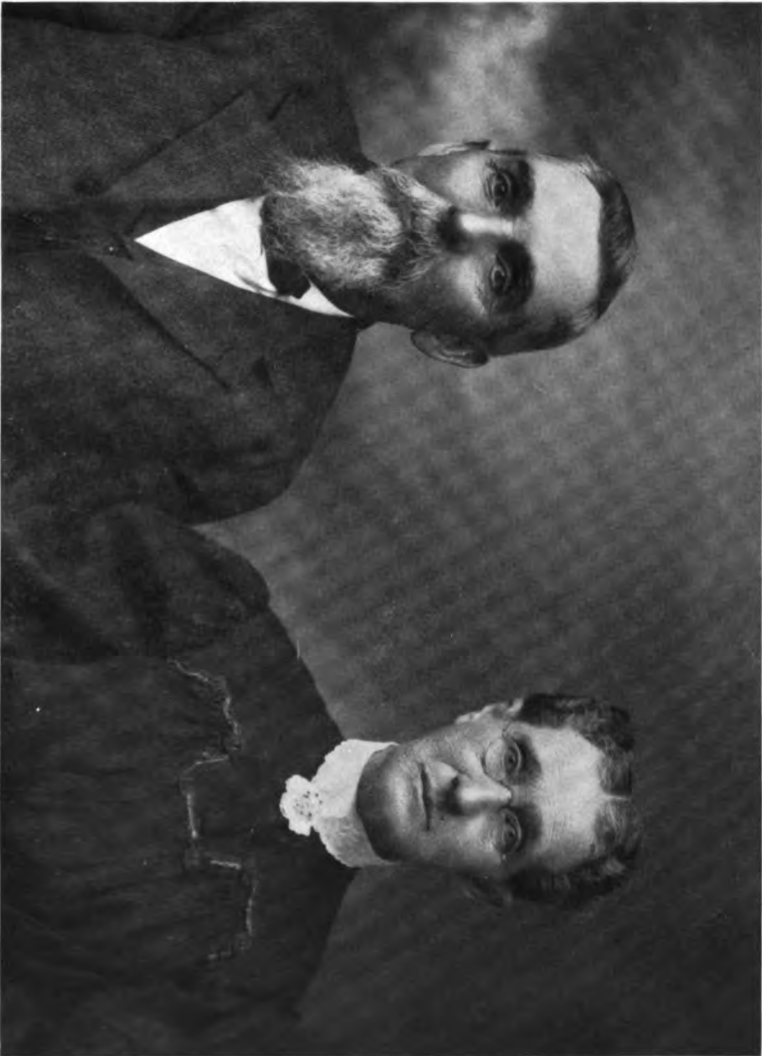
church, passing away in its faith when he had reached the age of seventy-three years.

John W. Jones was born on his father's farm in Salem township, Delaware county, September 30, 1837, and his educational training was received in the schools of Monroe township and Henry county, Indiana, while in the meantime he assisted his father in clearing the home farm. When eighteen years of age he left the parental home and began farming for others, thus continuing until his thirtieth year, when he began farming as a renter. In 1873 he purchased twenty-seven acres of land, to which he has since added until his estate now consists of one hundred and thirty-eight acres of excellent farming land. He has cleared all of these many acres, placed them under cultivation, and has also made the many improvements which now adorn this valuable homestead.

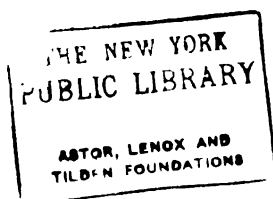
The marriage of Mr. Jones was celebrated on the 7th of December, 1861, when Martha A. Martin became his wife. She is a daughter of Israel Martin, a farmer of Center township and a representative of one of the early pioneer families of Delaware county, from whence they came from Ohio. Mrs. Jones was reared in Salem township and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children, two sons and a daughter—Margaret, deceased; William V., and one who died in infancy. All were born in Delaware county. Margaret married Edwin Crandall and died aged thirty-one years, leaving three sons—Louis, William and Allen. William V. married Mary Nixon and has one child, Viola. Mr. Jones upholds the principles of the Democracy. No one in the community enjoys a better reputation for integrity of word and deed, and when a man stands high in the estimation of the people who have known him during his entire life no greater testimonial to his worth can be given.

JOHN L. DRISCOLL, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Monroe township, was born in Clark county, Ohio, April 26, 1833. His father, William Driscoll, who for many years was numbered among the most prominent agriculturists of Monroe township, as well as one of its earliest pioneers, was also a native son of Ohio, born in Greene county, but his father, John Driscoll, had his nativity in Ireland. He was educated in his native country for the priesthood, but this calling not proving congenial to his tastes he came to America when a young man and located in Greene county, Ohio, where he was afterward married. He was one of the three first settlers of that county, and in that commonwealth he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, clearing and cultivating in the meantime many acres of land.

In his native state of Ohio William Driscoll, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was reared and educated, and in Clark county he married Emeline Franklin, whose birth occurred in Virginia, but she was reared in Ohio. In 1841 Mr. Driscoll came with his family to Delaware county, Indiana, establishing his home on the site now occupied by



**Mr. and Mrs. John L. Driscoll.**



the Ball Brothers' glass manufactory in Center township, where he erected a log cabin and cleared his farm of eighty acres. In their family were eleven children, five sons and six daughters, five of whom were born in Ohio and six in Delaware county, but all were educated in the district schools of Center township. They are as follows: Minerva, deceased; John L., the subject of this review; Mary, James and William, also deceased; Emeline; Margaret, Amanda and Pearson, deceased; Julia, and Warren. Mr. Driscoll was an old-line Whig in his political affiliations, and his death occurred at the age of forty-eight years. He was one of the best and most favorably known men of Delaware county.

On the 22d of October, 1857, Mr. Driscoll of this review was united in marriage to Mariah Gibson, a native daughter of Monroe township and a representative of one of the county's earliest and most prominent families. Six children, two sons and four daughters, were born of this union, namely: Dr. W. E. Driscoll, Eliza Adeline, Francis Emeline, Mary Burdella, John B. (deceased), and Ida Belle. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond January 10, 1901, and in 1903, on the 16th of December, Mr. Driscoll married Celia (Gibson) Jones, the widow of Joshua Jones, an honored pioneer of Delaware county, and who was killed at the battle of Antietam. One son was born to Mrs. Driscoll by her first marriage—George E. Jones. Mrs. Driscoll was born in Monroe township, her parents being Garrett and Sarah Gibson. With her husband she now resides on the valuable estate of one hundred and thirty-eight acres in section 12, Monroe township, which has been the home of Mr. Driscoll since 1864. He cleared about half of the farm and has placed thereon many valuable improvements. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he has membership relations with the Masonic order, being a Master Mason. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

W. E. DRISCOLL. The gentleman whose name introduces this review, Mr. W. E. Driscoll, a prominent agriculturist of Monroe township, Delaware county, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this section of the state. He is also numbered among the township's native sons, his birth having occurred on the 14th of October, 1858. His father, James W. Driscoll, claimed Clark county, Ohio, as the place of his nativity, born April 22, 1837, but when a little lad of five years, in 1842, he was taken by his parents to Delaware county, Indiana, where in the same year his father, William Driscoll, entered the land in Center township on which the Ball glass factory now stands. For further genealogy of the family see sketch of John L. Driscoll in this work. His son James supplemented the educational training which he had received in the district schools of Center township by attendance at the Muncie Seminary, and after leaving the school room followed farming and stock buying and shipping, also teaching school for a number of years in Monroe township. During his active business career he suc-

ceeded in clearing considerable land, but finally retired from industrial pursuits and moved to Cowan, where his death occurred on the 20th of April, 1905. He was first married to Elizabeth Ross, a native of Indiana and educated in the district schools of Monroe township, Delaware county, her parents, Nephtalin and Nancy (Gibson) Ross, having been numbered among the earliest pioneers of Delaware county. Her death occurred on the 6th of May, 1870, after becoming the mother of five children, four sons and a daughter, William E., Nephtalin B., John E., Garrett O. and Dora B. The daughter is the wife of David West. For his second wife Mr. Driscoll married Mary Reese, who was born in Perry township, Delaware county, a daughter of John and Martha Reese, of pioneer fame. Two daughters were born of this union, Lena May, deceased, and Hattie Kemper, the wife of D. S. Koons. All of the children were born in Monroe township. Mr. Driscoll gave his political support to the Republican party, while his fraternal relations were with Delaware Lodge, No. 46, F. & A. M., and he was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

At the early age of seventeen years W. E. Driscoll, of this review, started out to battle with the world for himself, his first business venture having been farming. He had previously attended the district schools of Monroe township and also spent one year at Purdue University, and after returning from college began teaching in the schools of Monroe township, continuing in the profession for about fourteen years. In the meantime he became identified with agricultural pursuits, and in 1892, in the capacity of a bookkeeper, he became associated with the washing machine factory, at Cowan, Indiana, spending about six years in that institution. During the following year he resided on his present farm, but at the close of the period moved to Muncie and served as deputy clerk until his return to the farm, which consists of a tract of eighty acres. Throughout the period of his manhood Mr. Driscoll has given a stanch and unfaltering support to the principles of the Republican party, being an active worker in its ranks, and from 1884 to 1886 he was the incumbent of the office of assessor of the township, while from 1894 to 1900 he was a trustee and for one year served as the deputy county clerk. His fraternal relations connect him with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Red Men, and he also has membership connections with the High Street Methodist Episcopal church of Muncie.

The marriage of Mr. Driscoll was celebrated on the 25th of December, 1878, when Margaret L., the daughter of James and Mary C. Oard, became his wife. She was born in Delaware county, Indiana, July 9, 1858. her

JOHN T. HEATH, who is well known throughout Monroe township because of his long identification with its interests, comes of a family who were early allied with its history. He was born on a farm in section 6, Monroe township, March 28, 1844, and traces his ancestry back to the Carolinas, the birthplace of his father, Harvey Heath, where he was also reared to mature years. In an early day he came with his parents, Robert and Mollie (Perdiue) Heath, to Delaware county, Indiana, taking up his abode in Monroe township, but the elder Mr. Heath located in Salem township, where he purchased and cleared a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and there spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were pioneers in the township. Immediately after his arrival the son purchased a tract of eighty acres in Monroe township, but later added to its boundaries until he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of rich and fertile land. As the years passed by he succeeded in clearing his land of its dense growth of timber and continued to make his home thereon until within a few years of his death, dying at the age of ninety-one years. He was married in North Carolina to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Erminta Finley, and they became the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom John T. of this review was the second child and son in order of birth, and all were born on the old homestead in Monroe township. The Republican party received Mr. Heath's hearty support and co-operation, and he was also a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

During his boyhood days John T. Heath attended the district schools of Monroe township. The school buildings were primitive in construction as well as furnishings, containing slab seats and benches. In the meantime he assisted in the clearing and cultivating of his father's farm, and finally became the owner of a farm of his own, the estate consisting of one hundred and fifty-six acres of rich and fertile land, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation. He has placed there many of the improvements which it now contains, and he is numbered among the leading agriculturists of Monroe township. In 1907 he purchased a home of forty acres in Center township, near Muncie, and removed thither, but he still owns the homestead in Monroe township.

In 1869 Mr. Heath was united in marriage to Delila Pitser, a native of Delaware county and a daughter of Evan Pitser, of pioneer fame. Mrs. Heath was reared in Salem township, and by her marriage she has become the mother of six children, four sons and two daughters, Sanford and Laura, deceased, Merritt, Edward, Addie and Jessie, all born in Monroe township. Mr. Heath advocates the principles of the Republican party, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES A. REYNOLDS. Throughout his entire business career James A. Reynolds has been identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Delaware county, and his entire life has also been spent within its borders, his birth occurring in Monroe township on the 3d of October, 1841, a son of

Breckenridge and Ellen (Clear) Reynolds, both of whom were born in Virginia. In about 1837 they emigrated to Indiana, at once establishing their home in Monroe township, and their names are therefore recorded among its very earliest pioneers. Purchasing a farm of eighty acres the husband and father at once began to clear and cultivate his land, and with the passing years he added to his original purchase until he became the owner of eleven hundred acres in Delaware county, much of which he cleared. Agriculture continued as his life occupation and he won success in the calling. Ten children, six sons and four daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of whom James A. is the second child and second son in order of birth. All were born in Monroe township and four are now deceased. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond in 1867, and Mr. Reynolds subsequently married Euphemia Gibson, a native daughter of Delaware county, and three children, one son and two daughters, were born of the second union.

James A. Reynolds was twenty-one years of age when he left the parental home and began the battle of life for himself, starting without a cent, and his large holdings are the outcome of earnest labor and honorable effort. The first land which he purchased consisted of forty acres in Center township, the greater part of which he cleared, and a few years later he bought his present homestead of one hundred and five acres. A part of it was cleared at the time and he has since cleared the remainder and has placed thereon the many improvements which make it the valuable and attractive farm it now is.

Mr. Reynolds married, in January, 1901, Mary (Kiger) Losh, who was born in Center township, a daughter of William Kiger and the widow of John A. Losh. Mr. Reynolds affiliates with the Republican party.

**JAMES R. PEACOCK.** Numbered among the younger representatives of the agricultural interests of Monroe township is James R. Peacock, a member of one of the county's earliest and most honored families. His birth occurred on the old Peacock homestead in Monroe township April 30, 1875, a son of William H. Peacock, whose history will be found on other pages of this work. In the district school near his boyhood's home the subject of this review received his educational training, in the meantime assisting his father in the clearing of the old homestead and placing the fields under cultivation. After his marriage he remained at home about one year and then settled on the farm he now occupies.

The marriage of Mr. Peacock was celebrated on the 13th of December, 1898, when Beatrice H. Wright became his wife. She is a daughter of Samuel and Clara (Harris) Wright, who removed from Ohio to Delaware county in a very early day. It was during his boyhood days that the father came to Indiana with his parents, attaining to years of maturity in Henry county, finally becoming one of its leading citizens and most prosperous agriculturists. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wright lived in different

localities. Three children, two sons and a daughter, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peacock, but the daughter, the second child in order of birth, died in infancy. The sons are William Wayland and Emery Norman, both born on the home farm. Mr. Peacock has given a lifelong support to the Republican party and has been an active worker in its ranks, while as its representative he served as precinct committeeman and is now a member of the advisory board of Monroe township. He holds membership relations with Ko Ka Tribe of Red Men No. 286, and with Cowan Lodge No. 561, I. O. O. F., both he and his wife being members of its auxiliary, the Rebekahs. The family are well and favorably known and stand high in the community.

**SAMUEL DRUMM.** Monroe township numbers among its leading agriculturists and prominent business men Samuel Drumm, who is the proprietor of a rich and well cultivated farm on section 32. Throughout nearly his entire business career he has been identified with the interests of Delaware county, and in all that time has resided on the farm which he now owns and operates. His father, Samuel Drumm, Sr., also devoted his entire business career to tilling the soil, and was one of the influential residents of Muskingum county, Ohio, as well as one of its earliest pioneers, but he was a Virginian by birth. That he was one of Muskingum county's earliest settlers is shown by the fact that he hauled the first logs to erect the first cabin home in his vicinity, and in addition to his agricultural pursuits he also made millstones and shipped his product to all parts of the state. His political affiliations were with the Democracy and he gave a lifelong support to those principles. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in its faith he passed away in death at the age of sixty-five years. In Ohio Mr. Drumm married Susannah Rickner, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters.

Samuel Drumm of this review, their sixth child in order of birth, was born in Ohio on the 18th of June, 1824. In 1852, shortly after his marriage, he made the overland journey to Indiana, and established his home in Monroe township, Delaware county, where he first bought eighty acres, the nucleus of his present valuable homestead. This little tract was located in the dense woods, but he set to work to clear his land and on the 18th of June he planted his first crop of corn. This was on a Saturday afternoon, and on the following Monday morning it had sprouted and had reached a height that it could be seen from the road. With the passage of time he has added to his original purchase until the homestead now consists of one hundred and fifty-three and a half acres, all of which is well improved, and the many valuable improvements which the farm now contains have been placed there by his own industry and ability.

In Ohio, in 1850, Mr. Drumm was united in marriage to Anna Myres, who was born in that commonwealth, and they became the parents of six

children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to years of maturity. The wife and mother died October 14, 1877, and Mr. Drumm subsequently married Sophia (Kern) Harold, the widow of Noah Harold, a prominent farmer of Monroe township, and a daughter of Jacob Kern, who was numbered among Delaware county's earliest residents. Mrs. Drumm was born, reared and educated in Virginia, but during the early '60s she came with her father to Delaware county, Indiana. On arriving in Indiana, however, they first took up their abode in Henry county, from whence they removed to this vicinity. In Virginia Mr. Kern had married Mary Ann Dean, and they became the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters, of whom Mrs. Drumm was the second child in order of birth. By her first marriage she became the mother of four sons and a daughter, while to Mr. and Mrs. Drumm have been born one child, a son named Grover. Mr. Drumm's children by his first marriage are Nathaniel, Mary Viretta, Jasper, Emma, Albert and Belle. Mr. Drumm holds fraternal relations with the order of Red Men, and politically he is identified with the Democracy, but in local affairs votes independent of party ties.

WILLIAM FRANK ANDERSON, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Monroe township, residing on section 3, was born in Miami county, Ohio, January 21, 1854. His father, Joseph Anderson, who followed the plasterer's trade in Ohio, was a native of that commonwealth, to which his father had removed from Virginia, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. After attaining to years of maturity in Clark county, Ohio, where he also received his educational training, Mr. Joseph Anderson was there married to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Mary A. Smith. They became the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom William Frank is the third child in order of birth, and all but one of the number grew to years of maturity. As a representative of the Republican party Mr. Anderson took an active part in the public affairs of his community, and during the W. H. Harrison presidential campaign he headed a glee club.

It was in the year of 1874 that Mr. William F. Anderson established his home in Delaware county, and during two years thereafter he was numbered among the educators of Monroe township, teaching in its district schools. At the close of that period he transferred his activities from a professional life to the work of the farm, purchasing in 1880 fifty acres of land, the nucleus of his present homestead, to which he has since added a tract of forty acres, and he has cleared most of his land. The many improvements which he has placed upon this farm make it one of the attractive and valuable homesteads of the community.

Mr. Anderson married, in 1875, Martha E. Clark, a native of Monroe township and a daughter of John and Harriet Clark, who established their

E. and Anna B., the daughter the wife of Otis Pitser, who is conducting Mr. Anderson's farm in Monroe township. Mrs. Anderson passed away in death in 1905, after a beneficent and useful career. Mr. Anderson votes with the Republican party and is an active worker in its ranks. His fraternal relations are with the Red Men.

**JAMES OARD.** Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from humble and lowly beginnings to places of leadership and high esteem. "Through struggles to triumph" appears to be the maxim which holds sway over the majority of our citizens, and thus it has been with this prominent agriculturist of Monroe township, James Oard, and in whose life history many useful lessons may be gleaned. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, May 4, 1835, and traces his ancestry to the commonwealth of West Virginia, the birthplace of his grandfather, William Oard. He was an agriculturist by occupation and was also a soldier in the war of 1812. During the early boyhood days of his son William, the father of James, he emigrated to Ohio, and there the little son grew to years of maturity and was married to Hannah Shelly, a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent. She was reared in Ohio. Their union was blessed by the birth of three children, two sons and a daughter, James, Mary (deceased) and Martin. In an Ohio regiment of infantry Mr. Oard served in the Civil war from 1861 to 1865, his sons Martin and Aaron also participating in that conflict, and a half brother of our subject was out with Thomas Brady, of Muncie. Mr. Oard spent most of his life in Ohio, but his death occurred in Hartford, Indiana. During the early years of his life he affiliated with the Democracy, but afterward transferred his allegiance to the Republican party.

James Oard, of this review, lost his mother when but five years of age, and he afterward lived with his grandparents for two years. He was but a little lad of seven years when he started out in the world to battle for himself, working for his board, and the first wages he ever earned was twenty-five cents a day and his board. For four years he worked for Mr. O. M. Hollister, and in 1854 he came to Delaware county, locating on a farm in the woods of Center township. He cleared forty acres of his original purchase, later adding eighty acres thereto and still later another tract of eighty-two and a half acres, all in Center township. Selling his land there he purchased in 1870 his present farm in Monroe township. Previous to this time, in 1859, he had rented a farm in this township and continued its cultivation until the purchase of his present homestead. He at one time also owned two hundred and fifty-six acres in Blackford county, Indiana, upon a part of which the city of Hartford has since been built.

Before leaving his Ohio home Mr. Oard was married to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Mary C. Bowers, the stepdaughter of O. M. Hollister, one of the early pioneers of Ohio. They have become the parents of four children, one son and three daughters: Charles A., Louisa, the wife of W. E. Driscoll; Lilly J., the wife of Irvin Sollars, of Monroe

township; and Flora B., the wife of George A. Tuttle. All of the children were born in Delaware county. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Oard has affiliated with the Republican party, and has been elected to many offices of the township, including those of school director, in which he served for many years, and trustee, holding that office for one term. He holds membership relations with the Masonic order, in which he served as commander, and with the Red Men, Lodge No. 30. He is a generous contributor to churches and all worthy causes and has always been a staunch advocate of all measures for the betterment and upbuilding of the community.

THOMAS CARL HENRY, M. D., who has attained distinctive prestige in the practice of medicine in Delaware county, enjoys an extensive and remunerative practice. He is progressive in all his methods, constantly reading and studying, and keeps in close touch with the spirit of the times. His birth occurred in Harrison county, Kentucky, May 22, 1868, and he doubtlessly inherited the love of his profession from his father, Dr. John Henry, who was a lifelong medical practitioner. He was born in South Carolina and was married in Missouri to Paulina J. Hall, a native of Kentucky, they becoming the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom the doctor was the third child and second son in order of birth. Dr. Henry, Sr., was a resident of Kentucky.

In the Blue Grass state Thomas Carl Henry spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and going to Ohio attended the National Normal University. In 1889 he entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he received his diploma in 1892, but previous to his matriculation therein he had studied medicine under the able instructions of his father. Thus well equipped with an excellent knowledge of the principles of the profession which he had chosen as his life work Dr. Henry began practice in Scott county, Kentucky, in 1892, the year of his graduation, but three years later he transferred the scene of his operations to Jackson county, Michigan, where he remained in practice for about ten years. During that time, however, he took a post graduate course in New York city, and in 1905 he established his home in Cowan, Delaware county, Indiana, where he has gained an enviable position in the ranks of the medical fraternity. The doctor also owns a farm in Scott county, Kentucky, consisting of four hundred and sixty-three acres, and in addition has an interest in the Cowan drug and hardware store. His practice extends over the entire township of Monroe and vicinity.

During his residence in Jackson, Michigan, on the 20th of January, 1903, Dr. Henry married Jessie M. McKitchen, a native daughter of that commonwealth, and one son and one daughter have blessed their union, Malcolm F. and Geraldine. The political affiliations of the Doctor are with the Democracy, and he has fraternal relations with the Knights of the Maccabees, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic order. In the line of

his profession he is connected with the Delaware County Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society.

THOMAS FUSON. Monroe township's well known and prominent citizen, Thomas Fuson, is a veteran of the Civil war and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union, and in the paths of peace he has also won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen. His birth occurred in Logan county, Ohio, January 28, 1845. His father, John Cummins Fuson, a deceased farmer of Monroe township, was born and reared in Ohio, where he was for a period engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he married one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Artie E. Golden, by whom he had nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom Thomas is the eldest son and the second child in order of birth. In 1848 the family came to Indiana and located in Monroe township, where Mr. Fuson, Sr., purchased a farm, erected a little log cabin and began the work of clearing and cultivating his land. After two years, however, he sold the place and purchased ninety-six acres of the present homestead, of which he cleared the larger part, and with the passing years added to the boundaries of the place until at the time of his death, in October, 1890, he was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land. His entire possessions were but the merited tribute to his industry and ability. He began life in Delaware county without capital, building the ladder on which he rose to prominence, and at the same time he lived a life of usefulness to his fellow men. As a Republican he took an active part in the public affairs of his community.

When Mr. Thomas Fuson was a lad of sixteen years, in 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering the Nineteenth Indiana Iron Brigade, Company E, with which he served for two years, and during the time participated in many of the historic battles of the war, including those of second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fairfax, the Wilderness, Slaughter Mountain and several others. Receiving his discharge in 1863 on account of disability Mr. Fuson returned to his home in Monroe township. At the time of his father's death he received sixty acres as his share of the estate, making him the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of rich and fertile land, most of which is under an excellent state of cultivation, and in addition to his general agricultural pursuits he makes a specialty of the raising of fine stock.

Mr. Fuson married on the 4th of August, 1864, Catherine Gibson, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, July 15, 1844, the daughter of Andy and Rebecca (Carmichael) Gibson, who were numbered among the early pioneers of Delaware county and among the prominent and influential agriculturists of Monroe township. Mrs. Fuson died June 10, 1872. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fuson, two sons and four daughters, namely: Alonzo, Hettie, Rachel, John C., Nettie and Julia. Mr. Fuson married, in December, 1881, Mary E. Thomas. She was born in North Carolina, a

daughter of Mangum and Sarah (Harrold) Thomas, both natives of North Carolina, from whence they came to Indiana in 1864 and settled in Henry county. Later they came to Delaware county and spent their last years in Monroe township. The children born to Mr. Fuson by his second marriage are Belle, Ethel, Anna, Hazel and May. All of the eleven children were born and reared in Monroe township, and four are deceased, Rachel, John C., Nettie and Julia. Mr. Fuson is a Republican in his political affiliations, and is an active worker in the ranks of the party. During the long period of ten years he served on the advisory board of Monroe township.

JOEL CHALFANT, deceased, was one of the best known residents of Monroe township, where for many years he was prominently identified with its farming and stock-raising interests. He was a native son of Ohio, born on the 5th day of August, 1827. His father, Jesse Chalfant, long since deceased, was numbered among the prominent agriculturists of Perry township, but was a native of Pennsylvania. He was married there to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Elizabeth Winders, and they became the parents of eleven children. In an early day the family emigrated to Ohio, the birthplace of their son Joel, and in 1837 they continued their westward journey to Delaware county, Indiana, the mother making the entire trip on horseback. Purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Perry township, Mr. Chalfant, Sr., at once began to clear and cultivate his place, and he there resided until his life's labors were ended in death.

Mr. Chalfant, of this review, also purchased a farm of eighty acres in Perry township, walking the entire distance to Ohio to have the seal placed on his deed. In 1865 he moved to the present homestead of the family, purchasing three hundred and ten acres, which in time he succeeded in clearing and placing under cultivation, and in addition he made many substantial and valuable improvements thereon.

In 1846 Mr. Chalfant married Synthia Jackson, to whom were born one son and six daughters, and two of the number are now deceased. The wife and mother is also deceased. On the 17th of October, 1872, Mr. Chalfant married Nancy J. Gibson, whose birth occurred in Monroe township November 28, 1852, the daughter of Garrett Gibson, whose birth occurred in Ohio. He was a son of Valentine Gibson, whose genealogy will be found on other pages of this work. Garrett Gibson was three years of age when brought by his parents to Delaware county, Indiana, the family home being established in Monroe township, where he received his educational training

but Sarah E., the first born, is deceased. All were born on the family homestead. Mr. Chalfant gave a lifelong support to the principles of the Republican party and was a member of the Christian Friends church. His death occurred when he had reached the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten. He was one of the best known men of Delaware county, honored and revered by all who knew him.

DAVID H. JONES. The gentleman whose name introduces this review, David H. Jones, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Monroe township, is a representative of one of the honored old pioneer families of Delaware county. His birth occurred in its township of Salem, January 1, 1852, his father, James H. Jones, having established his home there in a very early day, removing thither from his native commonwealth of South Carolina, where he was born in 1819. He made the journey to Indiana with his parents during his boyhood days, the family locating in Fayette county, and for a more extended historical review of these early settlers see the genealogy of J. F. Jones on other pages. From Fayette county Mr. James H. Jones came to Delaware county in 1832, purchasing one hundred acres of land in Salem township. While clearing the place of its dense growth of timber he also added to its boundaries until he became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres, all in one body and rich and fertile land. He succeeded in clearing the most of this tract and became one of the leading agriculturists of the community.

In Salem township Mr. Jones married one of Delaware county's native daughters, Martha Steward, her father, James Steward, having established his home within its borders in a very early day, coming from Ohio. Mrs. Jones was reared and educated in Delaware county, and by her marriage became the mother of three sons, John, Samuel and David. The wife and mother died during the childhood days of her youngest son, and the father afterward married Martha Bennett, a native daughter of Illinois, six children having been born of their union. After her death Mr. Jones married Fanny Lambert, one of Virginia's native daughters. Mr. Jones gave a lifelong support to the principles of the Democracy, was also a member of the Grange, and his death occurred when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty years.

The public schools of Salem township furnished David H. Jones with the educational training which he was permitted to enjoy in his youth, and he remained at home until his marriage, assisting in clearing and cultivating his father's farm. After his marriage he lived on the Tomlinson farm and other rented places until his removal to his present homestead in 1882. The farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, well improved and containing many valuable and substantial improvements. He performed the arduous labor of clearing about twenty acres of the tract.

On the 4th of February, 1877, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Mary A. Tomlinson, born in Center township, Delaware county, in 1854, and

a representative of one of the county's earliest families. Her father, James A. Tomlinson, took up his abode here in a very early day, journeying from South Carolina and becoming identified with its agricultural interests. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones both died in infancy. The Democracy receives Mr. Jones' political support and his fraternal relations are with the Red Men.

WINFIELD SCOTT BRANDON, M. D., a prominent and well known member of the medical profession in Daleville, was born in Grant county, Indiana, June 26, 1852, a son of Joseph Franklin Brandon, who was born in Bourbon county Kentucky, November 14, 1812, and a grandson of Joseph Brandon. The last named was a prominent early resident of Bourbon county and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a farmer but not a slaver owner, and he spent his last years in Bourbon county and died at the age of ninety-five years. There his son Joseph was born and reared and there he also learned the carpenter's trade. From the Blue Grass state he came to Indiana in 1836 and established his home in Delaware county, where he learned the miller's trade and operated the first mill built in this section of the state. The mill was located at Yorktown, and he continued its operation for fourteen years, later buying a mill in Grant county, twelve miles west of Marion, but after a number of years he sold it and returned to Delaware county. He located at Daleville and spent the remainder of his life here, dying on the 18th of December, 1891. He married on the 2d of March, 1837, Mary A. Saxon, who was born in Fayette county, Indiana, near Connersville, January 8, 1820, a daughter of William Saxon, born in Georgia, and a granddaughter of Alexander Saxon, also a native of that state. He came from there to the then territory of Indiana and was one of the first white settlers. At that time the red men were its principal inhabitants and their neighbors were the wild animals of the forests. The Saxon family first lived in a dwelling hastily constructed of poles, and their chief means of subsistence were the products of the farm and wild game. The women of the family would card, spin and weave the clothing for the family, and the most primitive pioneer conditions prevailed on every hand. Mr. Saxon secured two hundred acres of government land and in time cleared and improved an excellent farm and erected a good frame dwelling on an elevation overlooking Williams creek, a beautiful spot. There he resided until his death at a good old age.

William Saxon was seventeen years of age when with his parents he

of the first marriage, and she now makes her home with her son, Dr. W. S. Brandon, in Daleville, having reached her eighty-seventh year. She reared five children, Francis Jane, John C., Nancy A., Susan and Winfield Scott. The elder son, John C., lost his life as a soldier in the Civil war. Mrs. Brandon has fourteen grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren living.

Dr. Brandon attended school steadily during his early youth, and at the age of eighteen years he began teaching and continued in the profession until the age of twenty-six. In the meantime he had begun the study of medicine, and in 1876 attended medical lectures at the Cincinnati Medical College and began practice in Grant county. In 1881 he attended lectures at Buller University, and from 1881 until 1889 practiced at Andrews. During that time he also took a post graduate course in a New York hospital, and since 1889 he has been numbered among the prominent practitioners of Daleville. At the present time he is associated in the profession with Dr. Frank Kilgore.

In Van Buren county, Indiana, Dr. Brandon married Mary G. Green, a native of that county and a daughter of Lott and Polly Green. Their two children are Chloe and Della L. Dr. Brandon and his wife are members of the Christian church, and he is also a member of the County and State Medical societies, and served as president in 1907.

CALAWAY PIERCE, one of the oldest residents of Delaware county, was born in Montgomery county, West Virginia, September 17, 1822, a son of Thomas Pierce, born in Botetourt county, Virginia, in 1796, and a grandson of Richard Pierce, who was born in the mother country of England. He came with six brothers to America in colonial times, and the seven brothers served their adopted country in its war for independence. Richard Pierce first located on Long Island, and after the war moved to Botetourt county, Virginia, where he purchased land and spent the remainder of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Peggy Knight, whom he married before leaving his native country, and there she was also born. She survived her husband many years and died at the home of a daughter in Michigan.

Thomas Pierce, their son, ran away from home at the age of sixteen years and enlisted in the war of 1812, in which he served with two brothers, and after the close of the conflict he secured warrants for one hundred and sixty acres of land. At the time of his marriage he located in Montgomery county, Virginia, but in 1827 removed to Miami county, Ohio, and in 1832 came to Indiana. He was accompanied on the trip to this state by his family, and they made the journey with two yoke of oxen and one large, old-fashioned Virginia wagon, cooking and camping out on the way. On arriving in Delaware county he secured land in what is now Salem township, section 9, where he erected a hewed log house, cleared and improved his land, and there passed away in death in 1859. He had married a native daughter of Virginia, Susanna Thompson, but her father, John Thompson,

was a native of Scotland, as was also his wife. He was a farmer and spent the last years of his life in Virginia. Mrs. Pierce preceded her husband in death, dying on the 23d of August, 1840, in her fortieth year, and of the eleven children born to them eight were reared, Malinda, Calaway, Rebecca, Arminta, Amanda, Jane, Susanna and Eliza.

Calaway Pierce was a boy of ten years when the family home was established in Indiana, and at that time Delaware county was a wilderness, government land being then on the market and the Indians and the animals of the forests were its principal inhabitants. Muncie at that time was but a hamlet and not a railroad traversed the county, and for some years after the family located here at Cambridge, in Wayne county, was their nearest market for grain. The young lad remained with his father until he started out for himself in 1839, and he soon began learning the carpenter's trade and followed the occupation for twenty-one years. At the close of that period, in 1859, he purchased the old homestead farm of one hundred and twenty acres, but in 1864 traded the land for another farm in Mount Pleasant township, which he sold one year later, and he then rented until 1867. In that year he bought eighty acres in Salem township and maintained his residence thereon until he sold the land in 1882 and purchased a farm near by. He also disposed of this by sale in 1891 and has since lived retired in Daleville.

On the 11th of June, 1849, Mr. Pierce was united in marriage to Ruanna Goodpasture, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, a daughter of Solomon and Sally Goodpasture. She was called to the home beyond in 1879, and in 1883 Mr. Pierce married Mrs. Matilda McAllister, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, September 15, 1828, a daughter of Benjamin Luce, a native of Kentucky and a pioneer resident of Miami county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Ann Ohio Girrard, a native of Ohio and a daughter of John Girrard, one of the prominent early residents of that commonwealth. Mrs. Pierce first married William Hand, who was born in Miami county, and died at the age of twenty-four years. She afterward married Andrew McAllister, who came from his native state of Ohio to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1831, and his death occurred in 1881. To this union were born four children who are yet living, Frank, Henry, Morton and Joseph A. A daughter, Katie A., married William Dillinger and died in Virginia in 1898, and another daughter, Belle, died in infancy. By his first marriage Mr. Pierce had eight children, but only four are now living, Thomas, Calvin, Walter and William. A son, John, met his death by accident at the age of twelve years. Florence married Frank Dietrich and died in 1888. James died when about forty years of age. Martha married Oliver Bowers and died in 1884.

PETER BRUNER DICK, M. D. The name of Dr. Peter B. Dick is prominently associated with the early history of Delaware county and is enrolled among its well known and successful medical practitioners. He traces his ancestry to the fatherland of Germany, from whence with two brothers came

Henry Dick, the grandfather of the Doctor, to America and established his home in Virginia, where he afterward lived and died. There also Hieronemus Dick was born, and he emigrated to Ohio to become one of the early pioneers of Highland county, and there he purchased land and spent the remainder of his days. He followed farming as a life occupation. He was killed in 1840 by a falling tree, his death occurring in the prime of his manhood and he left his widow with the care and support of their eight children. She bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Bruner, and was a native of Maryland. In 1846, with a team and accompanied by five of her children, she made the overland journey to Indiana, and the first stop was in Jay county, where they resided for five years, and then went over the line to Randolph county, which lies just south of Jay county. In 1863 she went to Olmstead county, Minnesota, and spent her last years at the home of a son there.

Dr. Dick, a son of Hieronemus and Mary Ann Dick, was born in Highland county, Ohio, April 27, 1838, and was eight years of age when he came with his mother to Indiana, and it may be said that he "grew up with the country." At the time of the location of the family here not a railroad traversed the county and much of its land was in its primitive state, the greater part of its inhabitants still living in the primitive log cabins of the early days. Deer and other kinds of game was plentiful and all was then new and wild. The young lad made the best of his opportunities in this new and undeveloped country, attending the pioneer schools and later the Liber College, and at the age of eighteen he began teaching and taught for twenty-two terms. During this time he also began the study of medicine, and for two years studied with Dr. Noah Simmons, of Union City, Indiana, as his preceptor, and in 1874 he graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati. Previous to entering college, however, he had practiced at Union City for two years, and in 1867 he came to Daleville and entered upon a several years' practice, at the close of the period removing to a farm in section 8, where he has ever since resided with the exception of a period of five years spent in Kansas, whither he went in 1885 to restore his health. His name is prominently enrolled among the pioneer physicians of Delaware county, and he practiced here in the early days when the physicians prepared many of their own medicines from the native herbs, the gathering of the herbs and the digging of medicinal roots forming a considerable part of their earnings.

Dr. Dick has been three times married, wedding first, in 1859, Elizabeth Vinson, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, a daughter of Elder Harrison Vinson, and she died three months after her marriage. In 1862 he wedded Mattie Vail, a native of Jay county, Indiana, and a daughter of William Vail, a minister in the Society of Friends and a native of Ohio. She died in 1866, and in 1870 he married Sally Shepp, a daughter of Jonathan and Lydia Shepp. Two sons were born of the second marriage, Ulysses Seward and Orville Dewey, but both died in infancy, and the only child of the third union was Merchant Kenneth, who met his death in a railroad accident when

twenty-four years of age. He had married Maggie Fletcher, who with her only child, Hazel India, now resides in Muncie. Dr. Dick and his wife are members of the Christian church, and he is also a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

WILLIAM ALBERT WALTERS. The Old Dominion state of Virginia was the home of the Walters family during the early days of the country's history, and there the grandfather of William Albert, John Walters, had his nativity. When a young man he came to Indiana and enrolled his name among the early pioneers of Delaware county. During a few years he resided in Salem township, and during the time entered government land in Mount Pleasant township, on which he erected a log cabin and in due time cleared and improved the greater part of his land. Although he never learned a trade he was a natural mechanic and did the carpentering on his own buildings and the repair work on his farm utensils. He resided on his homestead in Mount Pleasant township until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Richman. She was born in Washington county, Virginia, but her father, Henry Richman, was a native of Maryland, but he resided in Virginia for some years, and in 1832 came from that state to Indiana. His first location in this state was in Henry county, where the family occupied a log cabin for a few months, and during the time Mr. Richman visited what is now Salem township and entered a tract of government land, the northwest quarter of section 8. He erected a substantial log house, splitting puncheons for the floor and clapboards with which to make the door, and the log stable which he also erected at that time is still standing and is in use. At the time of his settlement here Delaware county was a wilderness, with deer and other wild game in profusion, and he resided on the farm until his death a few years later. The maiden name of his wife was Rebecca Tetters. She was born in Virginia, a daughter of Peter Tetters, and she survived her husband for several years. Her son, Daniel Richman, is yet a resident of Salem township.

Miles Walters, a son of John and Rebecca Walters, was born on the old Walters farm in Salem township, August 29, 1840, and on the 11th of June, 1863, was married to one of the township's native daughters, Juliann Chambers, who was born on October 10, 1842. Her father, James Chambers, is thought to have had his nativity in North Carolina, born May 8, 1800, but he came to Indiana when a young man and in Bartholomew county wedded Susan Drybread, a daughter of Joseph Drybread, one of the county's earliest settlers. The young couple after their marriage drove with a team to Delaware county, where Mr. Chambers secured a tract of government

years and where the mother continued to reside until her death, August 21, 1882. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walters, William Albert, whose name introduces this review; James C., who died in infancy; Smith, a farmer of Center township; and Mary Isabelle, who married Bruce Kiser and lives in Salem township.

William A. Walters was born in Salem township August 1, 1864, and in his early youth attended the district schools near his home, but his education in later years has been greatly supplemented by extensive reading. He began at an early age to work on the farm, and he remained with his parents until 1886, going thence to Butler county, Kansas, and resuming his agricultural labors, but in 1887 returned to his Delaware county home and has since been engaged in farming and adding to the old Chambers estate. He takes an active interest and keeps well informed in public affairs, and is a member of the Christian church.

EDWIN R. STEWART was born six miles from Springfield, Ohio, December 3, 1829, a son of James Stewart, who was born in Mason county, Kentucky, and a grandson of William Stewart, whose birth occurred in the "Red Stone country" of Pennsylvania in 1771, of Irish ancestry. He moved from his native commonwealth to Kentucky and resided for some years in Mason county, from whence he journeyed to Clinton county, Ohio, and followed his trade of a tailor for many years. From there he came to Delaware county during an early period in its history and established his home in Yorktown, where he spent the remainder of his life and died on the 7th of January, 1836. His wife was born in 1771 and died September 18, 1844. She and her husband reared the following children: Timothy and John, twins; Sally, James, Zeddic, Matilda, Norris and Joseph.

James Stewart was about twelve years of age when with his parents he moved to Ohio, where he was reared, and leaving the parental home he went to Springfield and learned the trade of a brick mason. After thoroughly mastering the trade he became a contractor and builder, and he continued his residence in Clark county until 1843. Accompanied by his wife and eight children he then made the overland journey to Indiana, driving two teams and bringing the household goods, also driving five cows and forty sheep. They stopped each night at a tavern, and arrived in Delaware county after six days of travel. Mr. Stewart had visited here the year before and purchased two hundred acres of land in Salem township, about fifty acres of which had been cleared and a small log cabin and a log stable constituted the improvements at that time. He superintended the clearing and developing of his land and at the same time worked at his trade in Muncie, Yorktown, Anderson and other places, and many of the older brick buildings of the county represent his handiwork, and in most cases he also manufactured the brick. After retiring from business he sold his farm and lived with his children until his death, July 3, 1895, when he had reached the age of ninety-four years, his death resulting from a fall. On the 16th of March, 1826,

Mr. Stewart wedded Matilda McBeath, who was born in Ohio, August 1, 1797, and her father, Alexander McBeath, was born in Pennsylvania in 1770 and was of Scotch descent. He moved to Ohio and became one of the pioneers of Clark county, entering government land about three miles from Springfield, and resided there until his death. He was a well educated man and was a cooper and cabinet-maker. Mrs. Stewart died October 18, 1832, and on the 5th of November, 1833, Mr. Stewart wedded Drucilla Reynolds, who was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, November 20, 1804, and died in Salem township, Delaware county, December 14, 1888.

Edwin R. Stewart was twelve years of age when he came with his parents to Indiana, so he well remembers the incidents of the journey hither as well as the pioneer life in Delaware county, and his mind is stored with many pleasant reminiscences of the early days here. He attended school and assisted on the farm, while later he learned the carpenter's trade, and he remained at home with his parents until 1852. In that year he started for California, going first to Cincinnati, thence down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, where he boarded a steamer for Greytown, thence via the Nicaragua river and lake, and then with a companion he secured a mule which they took turns in riding to the coast. Here they boarded a sail boat and finally arrived in San Francisco after sixty-three days of weary and arduous travel. Mr. Stewart went at once to the mountains and followed both mining and carpentering, and during his sojourn there he assisted in the building of a chute three-fourths of a mile long and a flume fourteen miles long, four feet wide and thirty-two inches deep. In 1856 he made the return journey to Delaware county, crossing the isthmus by rail and returning via New York, and in the year following his arrival home he bought one hundred and forty-eight acres and began the improvement of his present farm. The land at that time was heavily timbered, and during the first year he succeeded in clearing twenty acres and also completed the erection of a log cabin, to which he brought his bride in 1858, and since that time he has performed the work of clearing and draining the entire tract, while in addition he has also built a commodious brick residence, a large barn and other farm buildings. The brick of which the house is constructed was burned on his farm and the greater part of the timber used is a product of the land. In August, 1884, he purchased eighty acres more of land adjoining the first.

On the 31st of January, 1858, Mr. Stewart married Margaret J. Shepp, who was born in Middletown, Henry county, Indiana, March 28, 1839. Her father, Jonathan Shepp, claimed Rockingham county, Virginia, as the place of his nativity, and his father, John Shepp, was a native of the fatherland of Germany. He ran away from home when quite a young man, and coming to America fought with the colonists in the Revolutionary war. After the war he settled in Roanoke county, Virginia, and his death there occurred about 1840. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret Dashner, and she was born in Pennsylvania and died in Roanoke county, Virginia. Jona-

than Shepp, born October 9, 1807, came from his native state to Delaware county, Indiana, about 1835, and for a time lived at Middleton and followed his trade of a cabinet-maker. From there he came to Salem township and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, continuing its cultivation and improvement until his death, July 15, 1896. He had married Lydia Fenwick, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, December 18, 1817, a daughter of James and Nancy Ann, (Hart) Fenwick. James Fenwick was born in Sussex county, Delaware, and his father, William Fenwick, was born in Lewes, that county. Delaware was also the birthplace of James Fenwick, the father of William, and his father, Thomas Fenwick, was the American ancestor of the family. He was born in either England or Scotland, and after coming to America he established his home in Virginia, where he had been granted a tract of land, and from there it appears that he removed to Delaware. His son James, as far as is known, as well as the latter's son William, spent their entire lives in Delaware. James Fenwick removed from that commonwealth to Ohio, and several years later, in 1833, came to Delaware county, Indiana, and entered a tract of land in what is now Salem township. He was one of the first to take up his abode in that township, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have seven living children: Flora Alice, Oliver Kelley, Milton Harrison, Mary Isabella, Matilda Jane, Lillie Indiana and Edwin Richard. Mrs. Stewart is a member of the First Christian church of Daleville. Mr. Stewart is a Republican politically.

**CLINTON GOODPASTURE.** The name of Goodpasture has long been prominently associated with the history of Delaware county, Indiana, and the ancestry is traced to the Blue Grass state of Kentucky, the birthplace of John Goodpasture, the great-grandfather of Clinton. He moved from his native commonwealth to Ohio and became one of the early pioneers of Warren county. He was always a farmer, and spent the remainder of his life in Warren county. Solomon Goodpasture, his son, and also a native of Kentucky, embraced the occupation of his father and became an agriculturist. About 1850, accompanied by his children, he came to Indiana, and with the exception of a short time he spent the remainder of his life with his children in Delaware and Wabash counties, his death occurring in the former on the 8th of October, 1872. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah McAllister, and died in Warren county, Ohio, May 1, 1849. She was of Scotch ancestry.

Jesse Goodpasture, a son of Solomon and Sarah Goodpasture, was born in Warren county, Ohio, April 10, 1826, and was reared to agricultural pursuits and resided with his parents until after his mother's death. Soon afterward he came to Indiana and located on a farm in Delaware county. In 1852 he started with twenty-six others for the land of gold in California, and, going to Madison, this state, sailed down the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they secured several pairs of

oxen and two wagons and thus continued the journey overland to the Pacific coast, landing in northern California after traveling for one hundred and twenty-six days. During the first two years in the Golden state Mr. Goodpasture followed mining, and then with a partner he purchased some mules and established a pack train to transport supplies to the mines, the supplies being carried on the backs of the animals. In 1856 Mr. Goodpasture made the return journey home, via the Isthmus of Panama, and after resting for a time journeyed to Indian Territory and Texas on horseback. In 1862 he purchased one hundred and thirty-one acres of land on sections 31 and 36, Salem township, about one-third of the land having been cleared, and a log house and stable constituted the improvements. In time he cleared the greater part of the land and by subsequent purchases added to the acreage, erected good farm buildings, and his house occupied an eminence overlooking the White river valley. There this well-known and honored Delaware county pioneer spent the remainder of his active and useful life and passed away in death June 30, 1899. He had married, in 1862, Barbara Hupp, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, June 14, 1832. Her father, John Hupp, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, of German ancestry, and from his native state he made the overland journey with teams to Ohio and became one of the first residents of Clark county. About 1840, accompanied by his wife and seven children, he resumed his westward journey with teams and established his home in Salem township, Delaware county, where he purchased a large tract of partially improved land about two miles east of Daleville. Several years later he moved to that city, and there he resided during the remainder of his life. He was familiarly known as Major Hupp, and he served several years as a justice of the peace. His wife was, before her marriage, Catherine Zirkle, also a native of Virginia, and she, too, spent her last years in Daleville. She became the mother of ten children, three of whom still reside in Indiana. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Goodpasture: Clinton, the subject of this sketch; Carroll, a practicing physician in Washington, D. C.; Milo, a farmer in Hancock county, Indiana; and Nettie, the wife of John M. Hancock, of Salem township. Mr. and Mrs. Goodpasture were members of the United Brethren church.

Clinton Goodpasture, the first born of their children, had his nativity in a little log house which stood on the bank of the White river, on section 31, Salem township, January 21, 1863, and during his boyhood days he attended the district schools near his home, later entering the normal at Danville. When he had reached the age of nineteen he entered the schoolroom as an instructor and taught for one term, and with that exception he has followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation. In 1886 he purchased the farm he yet owns, in section 7, Salem township, but after the death of

and Morgan counties, Indiana. They have three children: Nellie, Walter, and Merrill. Mr. and Mrs. Goodpasture are members of the United Brethren church, and he is also a member and the secretary and treasurer of the Delaware County Farmers' Fire Insurance Company.

JOHN MORTON HANCOCK, a resident farmer of Salem township, was born in Mt. Pleasant township, Delaware county, Indiana, October 13, 1868, a son of Pollard Hancock, one of the prominent early settlers of Delaware county. He received his early educational training in the district schools near his boyhood's home, and this was supplemented by attendance at the normal schools in Portland and Danville. He then entered the schoolroom as a teacher and taught for one term, after which he followed various pursuits until in 1901 he located on the farm where he now resides, it being a part of the Goodpasture homestead, and known as River View Farm.

Mr. Hancock married, in 1891, Nettie Goodpasture, who was born on the farm where she now resides, a daughter of Jesse and Barbara Goodpasture. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock have four children: Floyd, Carl, Otis and John. Mr. Hancock is a Republican in politics and has served as township trustee and as a member of the county council. His wife is a member of the United Brethren church.

FRANKLIN TAYLOR KILGORE, M. D. The Kilgores are perhaps one of the best known and most prominent families of Delaware county. The ancestry in America is traced to the Keystone state of Pennsylvania, which is thought to have been the birthplace of Abel Kilgore, and he was of Scotch descent. He became one of the early residents of Harrison county, Kentucky, where he resided until coming to Indiana. He became a resident of this state during its early pioneer history and located near Blooming Grove, Franklin county, where he secured land and engaged in farming until late in life or until he lost his sight. During his active business career he had dug many wells and did much blasting, and in an unexpected explosion he lost one eye. He was then in middle life, and later he lost the sight of the other eye, and he thereafter made his home with his son David until his death at the age of eighty-four years. The maiden name of his wife was Rebecca Cuzic.

Hon. David Kilgore, their son and the grandfather of the Doctor, was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, in 1804, and he early in life began the study of law. He remained with the family in Franklin county until 1830, when with a bundle of clothes, four law books and four dollars and seventy cents in money, constituting his entire worldly possessions, he started on foot for Delaware county, where he secured a tract of government land in Mount Pleasant township and at once began the practice of law there. He was successful from the start and his rise was rapid, and in 1839 he was elected the judge of the Indiana circuit court, then comprising the counties of Randolph, Grant, Delaware, Jay, Blackford, Madison, Wells and Adams, and

continued in that high official position for seven years. He was then elected to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth congresses, in session during Buchanan's administration, and he was one of the organizers of the Republican party and a staunch supporter of its principles. During the first year of the Civil war he was instrumental in establishing the Indiana Hospital at Washington, an act highly appreciated by the brave boys in blue; was also one of the promoters of the "Bee Line" railroad and served as a director of the company for twenty years, and was one of the directors of the Citizens National Bank of Muncie and of the First National Bank of Indianapolis. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and received all of the council degrees in the local order of the Masonic fraternity. Judge Kilgore married Mary Van Matre, a daughter of one of the pioneers of Delaware county, Absalom Van Matre, and their sons were represented in the Civil war. Alfred commanded a company in the Thirty-sixth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers and later served as a district attorney and as a member of the Indiana legislature. James served as a lieutenant in the same regiment, and David, the only son now living, served as captain of the Nineteenth Regiment.

Dr. Tecumseh Kilgore, a son of Hon. David and Mary Kilgore, was born in Salem township, Delaware county, Indiana, and received his literary training in its public schools and in Mount Pleasant and Muncie. He began the study of medicine at Yorktown under the preceptorship of Dr. Jump, and at the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the Eighty-fourth Indiana volunteers and was appointed hospital steward, later receiving the rank of regimental surgeon in the Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry, and he served until the close of the conflict. Returning thence to his private duties he practiced for a time at Chesterfield, and coming then to Mount Pleasant township he practiced here until his death, November 17, 1876. Dr. Kilgore first wedded Maria Goodpasture, who bore him two children, Albert Clarence and Franklin T.; and for his second wife he chose Mary Dilts, a native of Chesterfield, Madison county, and a daughter of Taylor Dilts. She was also a second time married, becoming the wife of Cyrus J. Titus, of Spring City, Tennessee, and her death occurred May 11, 1892. By the second marriage one daughter, Grace J., was born.

Dr. Franklin T. Kilgore, a son of Dr. Tecumseh Kilgore, is a native son of Salem township, Delaware county, born March 2, 1876, and in his youth he attended school in both Indiana and Tennessee. He early turned his attention to the study of medicine and graduated from the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis in 1898. During his first year in the profession he practiced at Parker, Randolph county, whence he returned to Delaware county and practiced at Cowan for six months, was for four years a practitioner at Ingalls, Madison county, and coming then to Dalesville formed a partnership with Dr. W. S. Brandon, his present associate.

Dr. Kilgore married in 1898 Blanche M. Patterson, who was born in Mount Pleasant township to Thomas A. and Olive Patterson, natives re-

spectively of Royerton and Mount Pleasant. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Kilgore have been born two children, Mary Olive and Edna Evelyn. Fraternally the Doctor is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men, and he also affiliates with the County and State Medical Societies.

J. FRANK DOWNING, M. D. One of the best known and most successful medical firms of Delaware county is that of Downing & Downing, prominently engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Yorktown. The junior member, Dr. J. Frank Downing, was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, February 25, 1874, and after attending the public schools he entered the Central Normal School of Danville, Indiana. Deciding to enter the profession in which his father had attained such an eminent success, he began reading under that gentleman's able preceptorship, and while thus engaged he also accompanied his father on his rounds of professional duties, thus early obtaining a useful and valuable information in diagnosing disease. In 1893 the son commenced a course of medical lectures at the Indiana Medical College of Indianapolis, in which he graduated in 1897, and shortly afterward joined his father in the forming of the firm of Downing & Downing. They have an extensive library of ancient and modern works in medicine and surgery, and both the Doctor and his father are constant students and keep themselves well informed relating to the new discoveries being constantly made in these sciences. They also have a well equipped office, abundantly supplied with all modern appliances for the successful treatment of all cases of surgery, and their devotion to the duties of the profession, combined with a comprehensive understanding of the principles of the science of medicine and surgery, have made them successful and able practitioners, whose prominence is well deserved. Dr. J. Frank Downing is a member of the Delaware County, the State and the Mississippi Valley Societies, and is also the physician for the Children's Home. He was elected by his fellow townsmen to the office of trustee, and in this capacity he has materially assisted in keeping the roads of Mt. Pleasant township in an excellent condition, and at the same time he carefully looks after the poor and needy of the township and gives a close supervision to its schools. He has invested quite extensively in Yorktown property, and in his political affiliations he is a Republican. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Dr. Downing is the son of Dr. Jonathan R. and Letha (West) Downing, both of whom were born in Ohio, but they were married in Delaware county. The father, born in Logan county on the 18th of October, 1844, came with his parents to Delaware county in 1850, and was reared to maturity on a farm here. He is a son of Israel and Elizabeth (Rector) Downing, natives respectively of Maryland and Ohio, and they were married in the latter state. Israel Downing was a son of John Downing, who established his home with the American colonies and served through the war for inde

pendence as major of his regiment. He proved a valuable acquisition to the colonists in those early and trying days, and his name is honored and revered with others of the brave pioneers who paved the way for American independence. He in time established his home in Maryland, where he spent the residue of his life.

Israel Downing was born and reared in Maryland, and after attaining to mature years moved to Ohio, where he identified himself with agricultural pursuits and was later married. In 1850 he established his home in Delaware county, Indiana, and in this then frontier settlement he improved a good farm and braved the dangers and hardships of a pioneer life. He was a consistent and worthy member of the United Brethren church, and in this county, where he had so long lived and labored, he passed away in 1854. By his first marriage he had eight children, and by a second marriage he became the father of three: Daniel, at the Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio; Jonathan R.; and Samuel, a physician of Hobbs Station, Indiana.

Dr. Jonathan R. Downing was a little lad of six years when his father settled in the wilds of Delaware county, and growing to years of maturity here he remained at home until his enlistment in 1863 for service in the Civil war, entering Company G, Ninth Indiana Cavalry, under Colonel Jackson, and was consigned to the Army of the Tennessee. He continued in service until the close of the conflict, and in the interim participated in many of its hotly contested engagements. While guarding the Sulphur trussels in Alabama, he with others was made a prisoner of war and was retained for six months at a Confederate prison known as Castle Morgan, at Cahaba, Alabama, during which time they received rough treatment and were obliged to undergo the hardships of a southern prison. He was paroled at the close of the war, and after receiving his honorable discharge returned home and soon afterward entered upon the study of medicine. He later attended lectures at the Indiana Medical College of Indianapolis for one term, after which he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. Later, however, in 1878, he was among the graduates of this college. Previous to this, in 1868, Dr. Downing had located in Champaign county, Illinois, and after his graduation he resumed the practice of his profession at that place. In 1882 he returned to Delaware county, Indiana, locating at Yorktown, where he has ever since remained in continuous and successful practice. When he entered upon the duties of his profession here the prevailing diseases were chills, fever and malaria, and the sometimes almost impassable roads of the community made the life of a medical practitioner in

subject of this review ; and Charles, a resident of Yorktown. Mrs. Downing died in 1880, a consistent member of the Methodist church, and in 1882 the Doctor married Maria Lizzie West, a daughter of William West, of Ohio, where his daughter was born. They were Methodists in their religious affiliations. The only child born of this union died in infancy. Dr. Downing affiliates with the Methodist church, and also holds membership relations with the different medical associations and with the order of Odd Fellows. He upholds the principles of the Republican party.

LOUIS R. STEWART, who is prominently identified with the educational and agricultural interests of Delaware county, is of Scotch-Irish descent, and the progenitor of the family in this country came from the north of Ireland at a very early day in the history of the new world. After some prospecting he settled in Pennsylvania, where he became identified with educational interests, and each generation of the family has since produced competent educators.

Timothy Stewart, Sr., the grandfather of Louis R., was born in Kentucky in 1790, and during his early manhood he engaged in flatboating to New Orleans, that occupation then requiring the hardest and sturdiest of manhood, as well as bravery and fearlessness. After his marriage he abandoned the occupation and settled among the pioneers of Delaware county, about 1827, which was then a sparsely settled community, and game and wild beasts roamed at will. During those early days Mr. Stewart bought, improved and sold a number of farms and later engaged in the manufacture and sale of the old-style log pumps, thus filling a long-felt want in this new country, and the part which he took in its development and improvement makes his name worthy of an honored place in the history of Delaware county. He was enterprising and public spirited, charitable to the needy and afflicted, and was well known and honored. He was a stanch Democrat in his political affiliations. Mr. Stewart was married in Ohio to Catherine Criswell, a native daughter of that commonwealth, but a member of an old orthodox Quaker family of Pennsylvania. The family later transferred their residence to Ohio. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart: Timothy, Jr., John, William, Nancy Sullivan, James, Eliza Russell, Rachael Ratliff, and Joseph. The last named died while serving his country in the Civil war.

Timothy Stewart, Jr., was born in Delaware county, Indiana, in 1830, and he was here reared to agricultural pursuits and received an excellent educational training for those early days. In 1859 he made the journey to Pike's Peak, Colorado, and for five years continued the search of the precious metal, returning at the close of that period to the states and bought and sold farms in Missouri and Illinois. Returning at length to Delaware county, he purchased what was known as the old Jones farm, but later traded this for another farm, and after making one or two more changes finally located on one hundred and sixty acres of land, a portion of which

his son Louis now owns. The country at that time was heavily covered with timber and it was no small task to improve land and place it under cultivation, but this labor was performed many times by Mr. Stewart, and he won for himself a name among the leading agriculturists of Delaware county. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and his death occurred on the 15th of July, 1904. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Malinda Jones, was born in this county in 1841, and she is now living. She is a daughter of Henry and Nancy Hardwick Jones, both well-known pioneer families of Delaware county. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the following children: William, Levi, Rachael, Mary, Sarah, Catherine, Francis, Delila, Martha, and Malinda. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart: Louis R., the subject of this review; Dora, who has been three times married, first to H. Antrim, by whom she had one son, afterward to George Pool and third to Richard Fletcher; Preston, a farmer; Clinton; and Emma, the deceased wife of Jesse Cohn. Walter, Harvey and Lena died in childhood.

Louis R. Stewart was born in Mt. Pleasant township, Delaware county, Indiana, April 24, 1868, and was reared as a farmer lad, receiving his elementary education in the district schools, and later became a student in Angola College of Steuben county, this state. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, and when twenty-one years of age he began teaching school, having continued in that occupation for eighteen years, and in that time he has done much to advance the educational standard of this community. During his vacations he busies himself at paper-hanging and in looking after his farm and his stock-raising interests. He has also spent considerable time as a clerk in a general store when not engaged in the schoolroom. His valuable homestead is adorned with a commodious residence and farm buildings, and his fields are under an excellent state of cultivation. In political matters he reserves the right to vote irrespective of party ties, and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias order.

In 1889 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Amanda V. Koontz, a daughter of Lorenzo D. and Matilda (Green) Koontz. The father was born in Fayette county, Indiana, but was reared in Delaware county, a son of Jacob and Debora (Coombs) Koontz, both natives of the Old Dominion state of Virginia, where they were married. Jacob's father claimed Germany as the place of his nativity, but in an early day came to this country and established his home in Virginia, there spending the remainder of his life. His children were Joseph, Isaac, Mary Rodenback, and Jacob. Jacob Koontz was married in Virginia, and soon afterward, in 1820, emigrated westward and for a few years resided in Brownsville, Ohio. He

also purchased land in Jay county and was making progress in the business world when he was stricken with milk sickness and died in 1830. He was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen and was very popular in the communities in which he resided. His political affiliations were with the Whigs. After his death his wife cared for and kept the children together, and later became the wife of William Dougherty, a native of Ohio, and of Irish descent. Soon after their marriage they moved to Mt. Pleasant township, Delaware county, where Mr. Dougherty entered the last tract of land left by the government for entry. He improved his farm and spent the remainder of his life there. He proved a cruel stepfather and was not even kind to his own children. In her earlier life Mrs. Dougherty was a member of the Methodist church, but after coming to this county she became a spiritualist and died in that faith. She was buried at Yorktown, and in later years her son, J. Harvey Koontz, brought his father's remains from Middletown and placed them by her side. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koontz were born the following children: Mary, the wife of J. Reed; Jane, the wife of W. Huntington; Addison, who died from wounds received at a sugar camp; B. Frank, who made two trips to California, in 1850 and again in 1852, and died from exposure in the mountains; Lorenzo D., who is prominently engaged in farming and stone quarrying; J. Harvey, prominently identified with the business and political interests of Delaware county, and a former member of the state legislature. By the mother's second marriage to Mr. Dougherty four children were born: Sarah Guthrie, Isabell Erphue, Debra Williams, and B. Frank.

Lorenzo D. Koontz attained to manhood's estate in Delaware county, and in 1850, imbued with the gold fever, he went to California and became a successful miner. After his return to Delaware county he resumed his agricultural labors and later engaged in the quarrying of stone, erecting a commodious brick residence west of Muncie, where he remained until his death in 1893. He was a prominent politician and used his influence in support of Republican principles. He is yet survived by his wife, who has reached an advanced age, and is a worthy member of the Methodist church. The ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Koontz are: Jacob, identified with saw milling interests; William, who died leaving three children; Mary, the wife of M. Yingling; Deborah, the wife of O. Moore; Ellen, wife of W. Crawford; Albert, who died leaving a wife and two children; Urilla, the wife of M. Case; Amanda, the wife of Mr. Stewart; Josephine, Mrs. William Wilson; and Maud, who died at the age of fourteen years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have been born three children: Alma, born October 1, 1891; Bernice, born November 21, 1899; and Meredith, born November 11, 1902. Mrs. Stewart is a member of the Methodist church.

J. W. HENSLEY. Mr. Hensley is a native son of the Blue Grass state of Kentucky, born on the 7th of December, 1829, and he is a representative of one of Delaware county's earliest and most honored pioneer families. He

is a son of William and Sarah (Peterson) Hensley, natives respectively of Kentucky and North Carolina. William was a son of James and Sally (Icenangoe) Hensley, the former of whom served throughout the period of the Revolutionary war and also assisted Daniel Boone and others in ridding the country of the hostile red men and opening up the country for civilization. He carved out a farm from the wilderness, and in 1830 moved with his family to Rush county, Indiana, where he improved a good farm and again assisted in opening a frontier country for future development. The family underwent all the hardships and difficulties of life on the frontier, and after living and laboring there for many years this honored pioneer couple came to Delaware county and settled in Mt. Pleasant township, whence they were called to their final rest. Mr. Hensley became widely known in his community, and commanded the confidence and highest esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His political support was given to the Democratic party, and he was a consistent and worthy member of the Primitive Baptist church. In his family were the following children: William, the father of our subject; John, James, Harrison, Aquilla, Sally, and Nancy, the last named the wife of Lorenzo Dow.

William Hensley was born and grew to years of maturity in Kentucky, where he was also married, and in 1830 he made the journey with the remainder of the family to Rush county, Indiana. Three years later he came to Delaware county and located on the three hundred and twenty acres of land entered by his father, which he improved but later sold. Moving to Illinois, he was engaged in farming there for a few years, when he sold his possessions there and returned to Delaware county. His cash capital was limited in those early days, and to support his family he worked hard early and late, performing such labor as making rails from deadwood oak timber at thirty-seven and a half cents a hundred, cutting cord wood at ten cents a cord, and any other honest labor he could get to do in those days. As his sons grew to mature years he gave them good, honest instructions and started them out to battle for themselves, and all proved an honor to the honored family name. Mr. Hensley continued on in the struggle of life and finally became the possessor of a good farm and in later years he was able to enjoy a quiet rest, passing away on his old homestead at the age of sixty-eight years. He took an active interest in all public affairs of the community, but never aspired to office, and was well and favorably known for his many excellent traits of character. He was a worthy and consistent member of the Dunkard church. Mrs. Hensley preceded her husband in death several years, dying in the faith of the Methodist church. Her maiden name was Peterson, and her father moved from his native state of North Carolina to Kentucky and later to Indiana, where he entered land from the government in Delaware county. A number of years afterward he sold his

children, Sarah and William. The son located in Illinois. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hensley: James W., the subject of this review; Caziah, Mrs. Shoemaker; John, who died while serving his country in the Civil war; Almeda, the wife of William Humbert; Wesley, deceased; and Elizabeth, the wife of A. Walford. By a second marriage, to Miss Stoffel Tanner, of Rush county, Indiana, Mr. Hensley had four children: Sarah, the wife of Alfred Jones; Christopher, a farmer and minister in this township; Narcissus, the wife of Mike Waymire; and Melissa, the wife of William Waymire.

J. W. Hensley came with his parents to Delaware county during his early boyhood days, and when but twelve years of age he began working for wages, remaining in the employ of one man for seven years and of another for three years, and for three years he also operated a grist mill for Joe Aebo and worked on his farm, and with whom he also learned the cooper's trade. Before attaining his twenty-first year his wages were given to his father and on reaching his majority he was twelve dollars and fifty cents in debt, his efforts being thereafter devoted to paying off his indebtedness. He continued as a farm hand until able to purchase forty acres of land, but little improved, and he was obliged to deny himself many comforts to obtain a start on this new farm. As his means permitted he bought more land, finally becoming the possessor of three hundred and thirty acres, all in one body, and two hundred and seventy acres of which is under an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Hensley also has property interests in Yorktown, including five acres in the western part of the town, where he has erected a commodious dwelling and barn, has set out fruit trees and shrubbery, and has made for himself an attractive and pleasant home in which to spend the remainder of his useful life. He rents his farm, and busies himself in looking after his varied interests.

Mr. Hensley was first married to Miss Susan Humbert, who was born in Delaware county, a daughter of Elias and Rose (Cline) Humbert, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The father, of German descent, was numbered among the early pioneers of Delaware county, where he became a prominent farmer and carpenter, having assisted in the erection of many of the buildings of Delaware county. He was a member of the Christian church and affiliated with the Democracy, and his death occurred in this county. He was the father of two children: William, a prominent farmer in Mount Pleasant township, and Susan, who became the wife of Mr. Hensley. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hensley: Samuel, of Muncie; William, on the homestead farm; Sarah, who became the wife of H. M. Childs, and at her death left two children; Abram, of Yorktown; Jacob, a farmer; and Lewis, of Anderson. The wife and mother died on the 15th of November, 1889, a worthy and consistent member of the Methodist church, and in 1890 Mr. Hensley married Mrs. Nancy Luce, the widow of James Luce, and the mother of eight children: Judy Benson; Francis M., a farmer; Ada Hollis, Catherine Ellis, Mary Bell, Martha Ellis, Amanda

Ellis, and David, of Yorktown. Mrs. Hensley is a daughter of Francis and Mary (Price) McNary, both of whom were born in North Carolina, but they were married in Delaware county, Indiana, where they became prominent and well-known farming people and early pioneers. The father, who was a staunch Democrat, died in 1899. He was reared in the Quaker faith, but later in life became a member of the Methodist church. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. McNary were five children: Mary, who died in young womanhood; Nancy, the wife of Mr. Hensley; Samuel, who served as a soldier in the Civil war, and is now a retired farmer of Yorktown; Calvin, who also served in that conflict, and has since died; and Amanda, now Mrs. Bunyon. Mr. and Mrs. Hensley are members of the Baptist church, and his fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**SAMUEL STEWART.** Mr. Stewart is a descendant of one of the earliest and best known families of Delaware county, and within its borders he was born on the 5th of November, 1859. He is a son of Samuel and Anna (Summers) Stewart, both of whom were born in Highland county, Ohio, but their marriage was celebrated in Delaware county. The former was a son of Samuel Stewart, one of the earliest pioneers of Delaware county. Entering land from the government here, he made for himself an excellent farm home, and assisted in furthering the moral and physical conditions of the community. In establishing his home here he underwent the deprivations and hardships of true pioneer life, for the country was then sparsely settled, and wild game, including deer, bear and turkey, was plentiful. The mocassin tracks of the red men had scarcely been obliterated and their nearest neighbor was many miles away, but in spite of all these hardships Mr. Stewart carved a splendid home in the wilderness, and as his children left home to begin the battle of life for themselves he materially assisted them in starting. He became well and prominently known throughout this section of the county, and was honored for his many sterling traits of character. He remained on the old homestead farm until death claimed him, and in his family were the following children: John, James, Warren, Samuel, Jane Stradling, Mrs. Henry Jones and others whose names cannot now be recalled.

Samuel Stewart, the father of the subject, remained under the parental roof until he attained to mature years, when he married and began farming the old homestead. He later purchased the interests of the other heirs and became the sole possessor of the old farm, raising his family there, and there he passed away in death in 1859. He devoted his entire attention to his farming and stock raising interests, and became the owner of a fine estate. When the Republican party was inaugurated he transferred his affiliations thereto from the Whigs and remained loyal to its principles, although he never cared for the honors or emoluments of office, preferring rather to continue on in life as a plain, honest farmer. His wife survived him and kept their family of young children together, rearing them to lives

of usefulness and honor. She was a daughter of William Summers, a native of Ohio, but a very early resident of Delaware county, Indiana, where he entered land from the government and assisted to blaze the way for future civilization. To make a good living for a family in those early days meant hard and arduous labor, but Mr. Summers gave his entire attention to his farm and its products, and became recognized among the prominent agriculturists of his day. From the Whigs he, too, transferred his relations to the Republican party. In his family were the following children: R. T., a well-known physician; Terrell and Simon, both popular farmers; Mahala, now Mrs. Williams; Mrs. James Tomlinson; Anna, the wife of Mr. Stewart; and two, the sixth and seventh in order of birth, whose names are not remembered. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were born eight children: Perry, who is living retired in Muncie; William, a former assessor of Delaware county; Simon, a prominent farmer; Sarah, who married Perry Williams, and is now deceased; Eliza, Mrs. Storer; Amanda, Mrs. Heath; Marion, a druggist of Muncie; and Samuel.

Samuel Stewart was born and reared on the old Stewart homestead in Delaware county, and he is now the third Samuel of the third generation to own the land entered from the government by his grandfather. He remained under the parental roof until attaining mature years, and later purchased the interests of the other heirs and became the sole owner. This is one of the oldest homesteads of the county and also one of its most excellent farms, and Mr. Stewart there continued the work inaugurated by his ancestors and gave his entire attention to farming and stock raising until 1903, when he removed to Yorktown. He cleared some of the land, has also done some trading, and has kept the farm in an excellent state of cultivation, having repaired and remodeled the house, has put the old barn in good order as well as erecting a new one, and has been eminently successful in his various occupations. The farm is now rented, he having retired from its active labor in 1903 and removed to Yorktown. Here he has erected four dwelling houses, all of modern architecture, and his own commodious residence is a two-story structure attractively and conveniently located. When he first came to Yorktown Mr. Stewart purchased a stock of hardware, and conducted the sale of general hardware, wagons, buggies and light implements for two years, when he closed out his store.

In February, 1888, Mr. Stewart married Miss Clara Landrey, a member of a prominent early family of Delaware county. She was born in 1866, a daughter of Richard and Hannah (Summers) Landrey, and the father was a son of Joseph Landrey, numbered among the earliest pioneers of the county. Mr. Richard Landrey was a staunch Republican in his political affiliations, and both he and his wife were worthy members of the Christian church. In their family were the following children: Clara, the wife of Mr. Stewart; Joseph, a prominent agriculturist; Bessie, who died at the age of twenty years; Mary, at home; and Grace, now Mrs. J. Cromer. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have been born five children: Christine, a student in

the commercial school at Muncie; Julia, Howard, Ralph and Dorothy. Mrs. Stewart and daughters are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Stewart affiliates with the Republican party.

DARIUS A. NASH was for many years prominently identified with farming interests of Tipton and Rush counties, Indiana, but is now living retired at his pleasant home in Yorktown. On the paternal side he is descended from three brothers who emigrated from the north of Ireland to the American colonies. Later the brothers became separated, one having disappeared, and his subsequent life is not known; one was killed on Commodore Perry's vessel on Lake Erie during the fight with the British in 1813, and the third became the progenitor of this branch of the family in America.

Richard Nash, Sr., a son of this Irish emigrant, was born in Delaware in 1754, and at the time of the Revolutionary war he became engaged in carrying supplies, wheat, flour and wood, from different points to Philadelphia, but he was taken prisoner at Delaware Bay and carried to the Island of Bermuda, where he was detained for some time. He was later released and brought back to Philadelphia as a guide, and after the close of the war he removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was married to Jane Barr. She was born in Ireland in 1762. After that event he settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, from whence in 1804 he moved to Mason county, Kentucky, going from there in 1810 to Adams county, Ohio, and in 1831 he located in Fayette county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life, and died in July, 1837. His children were James, Samuel, Jane, Susan, Sarah and Richard, Jr.

Richard Nash, Jr., was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1798, accompanied his parents on their various moves, and for a number of years in his younger life was engaged in running keel boats on the Ohio and tributary rivers from Pittsburg to New Orleans, a lucrative business in those early days. He was married in Adams county, Ohio, in 1821, to Mary, a daughter of Robert and Isabell (Russell) Hastings, both of whom were born in Ireland. In the same year of his marriage Mr. Nash moved to Fayette county, Indiana, where he entered and improved a farm, and remained there until the death of his wife, in August, 1827. In the following year he returned to Ohio and resumed his old vocation as a river man, continuing thus successfully until in 1832. While making a trip up the Ohio river to a salt works, sixty miles above Marysville, the boat was wrecked by a storm and half of the crew were lost. Shortly after this disastrous event Mr. Nash abandoned the river business and returned to his Fayette county farm, where he was later married to Margaret Moffit, of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, born in 1806. He then made a permanent settlement on his homestead farm and remained there until death claimed him in 1887, at a ripe old age. Robert was the only child by his first marriage. His children by the second marriage were: William G., Sarah, Isaac T., Eliza, John S. and Oliver L.

Robert Nash was born in Fayette county, Indiana, June 19, 1824, and grew to manhood on the old homestead farm there. He was married in 1854, and soon afterward located in Tipton county, where he entered and improved a good farm, while later, as able, he bought other surveys and became a large land owner and a prominent farmer and stock raiser. He helped develop Tipton county from its primitive state to a rich agricultural country, and throughout his business career he raised and handled good stock, for which he always found a good market at home. Joining the Quaker church, he lived a good and consistent Christian life, and was a stanch Republican in his political affiliations. He died at his old homestead August 12, 1902, and is yet survived by his wife, who resides on their old home in Tipton county. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Barbara (Jones) Stiers, respectively of Irish and German descent, and both were born in Ohio, and were there married. Coming to Rush county, Indiana, they took up their abode among the early pioneers and there reared their family. They were the parents of nine children: Minerva, Mary A., Ruhama, Joseph, Lucinda, Perry, John M., Frank and Hester A. All are yet living and are prominent citizens of their respective localities. Eight children were born to Robert and Ruhama Nash: Darius A., the subject of this review; Benjamin F., of Peru, Indiana; William F., of Sharpsville; Ida J., who became Mrs. Parks and is now deceased; Charles and Oliver, both of Sharpsville; Arta, the wife of George Romack; and Effa, the wife of Mr. A. Rose. The mother is a member of the Society of Friends.

Darius A. Nash was born in Fayette county, Indiana, July 17, 1855, and during his boyhood days received a good education in the common and high schools, and later he taught a few terms of school. Remaining under the parental roof in Tipton county until his marriage in 1880, he then purchased a farm and began agricultural pursuits for himself, but in the following year he moved to Fayette county, Indiana, and for many years thereafter gave his entire attention to his agricultural labors. In 1901, however, he sold his possessions there and came to Yorktown, where he erected a pleasant and commodious residence and has since lived retired from the active cares of a business life. He is the owner of a large and well improved farm, as well as property in Yorktown which he rents, and his wife is also the owner of some valuable farm property in Mount Pleasant. Mr. Nash thus finds a pleasant and congenial task in looking after their various property interests.

In 1880 he married Margaret J. Knott, a native of Delaware county and a daughter of James and Charity Knott, natives respectively of Delaware county, Indiana, and of Virginia. The father was a prominent and highly respected farmer of this community, a Democrat in his political affiliations and a member of the Methodist church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Knott were born the following children: John, Samuel, Mary, Minerva, Martha, William and Margaret J. Mrs. Nash died in 1894 without issue, and in 1897 Mr. Nash married Ellen Reed, who was born and reared in Delaware county, a daughter of Cornelius and Margaret Reed, the father a native of

Virginia and the mother, of Madison county, Indiana. They were prominent and well known farming people in Delaware county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, and the father gave his political support to the Democratic party. One child blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Ellen, the wife of Mr. Nash. Mr. Nash has a birthright membership in the Quaker church, and affiliates with that denomination.

Craven P. Keys is descended from an honored early family of Delaware county, and for many years he has been prominently identified with the county's farming and stock raising interests. His birth occurred in Clinton county, Ohio, April 3, 1848, his parents being Samuel and Maria (McCulloch) Keys, both Ohioans. The father was a son of George Keys, who established his home in Ohio and there reared his family and worked at his trade of blacksmithing. In his family were two sons, Samuel and Levi. The younger was at one time a grocer at Middletown. He moved to Indiana about 1849, and here reared his family.

Samuel Keys emigrated from his native commonwealth of Ohio, where he had followed agricultural pursuits, to Muncie, Indiana, in 1849, and turned his attention to farming and freighting with horse teams. He was successful in that occupation and accumulated stock of different kinds. About 1853, however, he resumed his former occupation of farming, rented land, and thus continued here until 1868, when he removed with his family to Richland county, Wisconsin, and again began the battle of life in a frontier community. He took his stock with him and, purchasing land, became prominently identified with the farming interests of that state, his death there occurring in 1890. He is well remembered by the early residents of Muncie, and his name is recorded prominently on the pages of its early history. His political affiliations were with the Republican party. Unto Samuel and Maria (McCulloch) Keys were born a large family of children, as follows: Evaline, who was first married to Gayman Swan and afterward to Samuel Haynes; Mahala, the wife of R. Danner; George, a prominent farmer of Delaware county; Jonathan, of Muncie; Craven P., the subject of this review; Samuel, who died in Wisconsin; Lizzie D., now Mrs. Jones; Flora, the wife of George W. Roudabush, sheriff of Richland county, Wisconsin; Squire S., who also died in Wisconsin; Arabell, who was first married to a Mr. Raddington and afterward became the wife of George Benton; and W. G., a farmer of Delaware county. Mrs. Keys was a valued member of the Baptist church.

Craven P. Keys remained in the parental home, assisting his father in the work of the farm, until twenty years of age, when he left Wisconsin and returned to Delaware county, Indiana. His first employment here was in

the arduous task of clearing and improving new land. For two years he carried on the work of this farm, spending the winter months in the timber, and he then sold and purchased an interest in a large farm, on which he remained during the following two years. During the latter part of this time he purchased another tract of fifty-two acres, still retaining his interest in the former place, and moved to his last purchase, known as the William Crisp farm. A few years later, however, Mr. Keys returned to the farm in which he held a partnership interest, and in a few years became the owner of the entire tract, while still later he became the owner of another tract of eighty-six acres. By a subsequent purchase he enlarged the boundaries of a forty-acre tract to one hundred and five acres, known as the old Slack farm, and he is now the owner of two hundred and twenty-nine acres of rich and well cultivated land, which he rents to members of his family. During his active business career he was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, handling fat stock for the market, and his well directed efforts were crowned with a high degree of success. In 1903 he retired from active work of the farm and removed to a commodious and attractive home which he purchased in Yorktown, there to enjoy the fruits of his long years of activity in the business world. He, however, believes in the theory that an "idle man will rust out," and he therefore busies himself when he desires in the selling and erecting of wire fences, in which he has built up quite an extensive trade. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, but while promoting his own interests he has also advanced the welfare of his community.

Mr. Keys has been twice married. His first wife, who bore the maiden name of Arminda Dragoo, was born in Delaware county, where her father, Bellshaser Dragoo, established his home in an early day and became identified with its agricultural interests. He died in middle life, and to his wife devolved the task of caring for their children, she remaining at the old homestead and rearing her family to lives of usefulness and honor. Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo were the parents of seven children: Andrew, deceased; Ephraim, a farmer of Delaware county; Molly, the wife of John Reynolds; Cyrus, who died in Hamilton county, Indiana; William, who died in Ohio; Matilda, the wife of Tabor Reed, of Oregon; and Arminda, who became the wife of Mr. Keys. Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Keys, namely: Anna M., now Mrs. De Bush, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lilly May, the wife of P. Pugsley, who is farming the old homestead; Daisy C., the widow of George Davis, and two who died when young. The wife and mother is also deceased, dying in January, 1881, and in 1883 Mr. Keys married Eleanor I. Burgiss, the widow of James Burgiss, who died leaving two sons, Charles and Percy C. Burgiss, who were reared by Mr. Keys. Both are now prominent farmers. Mrs. Keys is a daughter of Charles and Ann (Parkinson) Morris, prominent farming people of this community. The only child of the second marriage died in infancy. Mrs. Keys is a member of the Christian church.

WALTER LOSSON BALL was born in Blackford county, Indiana, January, 16, 1869, and moved into Delaware county with his parents in the fall of 1870, where he has since resided. His father, George M. Ball, was born in the southern part of Delaware county, and his mother, Susan R. Hale, in the northern part of Henry county. His father died in March, 1879, leaving a family of six children, and Mr. Ball remained on the farm until his maturity, and, being the eldest child, of necessity was required to assume the management of the farm, which limited his opportunity for school and education.

However, he attended the district school near his home during the winter terms, and later a graded school at Springport, Henry county, Indiana, and after arriving at age attended the Valparaiso Normal School, at Valparaiso, Indiana. After finishing at the Normal School, he returned to Muncie and took up the study of law, in 1891, in the office of Messrs. Gregory and Silverburg, and continued with the firm until 1895, when he formed a partnership for the practice of his profession with Hon. Joseph G. Leffler. This partnership continued until 1898, when Mr. Leffler was elected judge of the Delaware circuit court, and immediately thereafter Mr. Ball entered into a partnership with Albert E. Needham, which firm still exists and is still engaged in the practice of law at Muncie, Indiana.

In 1894 he was married to Seretha Frances Taylor, daughter of William Taylor, a farmer, residing north of Muncie. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have one daughter, Ruth Lucile Ball, aged eleven years. They reside in the city of Muncie.

Mr. Ball was elected to represent Delaware and Randolph counties in the senate of Indiana in 1896, and was renominated and reelected without opposition in 1900. He was one of the leading members of the senate during his two terms, and took a conspicuous part in the debates and in all important legislation. He is still engaged in the active practice of law.

ARTHUR W. BRADY was born at Muncie January 13, 1865. His parents were Thomas J. Brady and Emeline Wolfe Brady. He obtained his general education in the public schools of Muncie, private school of Rev. Henry Upson at New Preston, Connecticut, and at Yale University, from which he was graduated in the Class of 1887 of the Academic Department with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After graduation he read law in the office of Robert C. Bell, of Fort Wayne, his uncle by marriage, during 1887 and 1888. In the fall of 1888 he entered the Senior Class of the Law School of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in June, 1889, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

After graduation from law school. Mr. Brady returned to Muncie.

of office having been extended by act of the General Assembly. He remained at Muncie, engaged in the practice of his profession, until the fall of 1902, when, having become connected with the Legal Department of the Union Traction Company of Indiana as General Counsel, he moved to Indianapolis in connection with the building of the interurban line from Indianapolis to Kokomo, Peru and Logansport. The general offices of the company having been taken to Anderson, Mr. Brady moved to that city in the fall of 1904, where he has since resided. At about the same time he was elected president, as well as general counsel, of the Indiana Union Traction Company, which position he still retains.

Mr. Brady married in June, 1893, Jane Ninde, daughter of Lindley M. Ninde and Beulah C. Ninde, of Fort Wayne, who died in November of the same year. In December, 1902, he married Caroline H. McCulloch, daughter of James McCulloch and Caroline J. McCulloch, of Muncie. Their children are George Wolfe Brady, born at Indianapolis, August 22, 1903, and Arthur Adam Brady, born at Anderson, February 23, 1906.











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